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LIST OF OFFICERS

Town Clerk, OTIS F. BROWN.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health:

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON, GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE E. SAFFORD.

Treasurer, DANIEL E. SAFFORD.

School Committee:

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, JESSE G. NICHOLS,
EVERETT A. SMITH.

Tax Collector, CHARLES W. APPLETON.

Auditor, ANDREW HARADEN.

Constables:

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, ALDEN J. CHANDLER,
GEORGE E. ROBERTS,
CHARLES H. SMITH, NORMAN J. CONRAD.

Tree Warden, OTIS F. BROWN.

Trustees of Public Library:

GEORGE v. L. MEYER, JESSE G. NICHOLS,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER.

Cemetery Commission:

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, FRANK C. NORTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY.

ANNUAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1902,	\$5,711 74
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Corporation tax,	4,714 20
National Bank tax,	643 80
State Aid reimbursed,	36 00
Military Aid reimbursed,	384 00
Street Railway tax,	1,123 99
Income from Mass. school fund,	376 34
Loan from Ipswich Savings Bank in anticipation of taxes,	8,000 00
Rent of Town Hall,	18 00
Amount of dog licenses from County Treasurer,	327 00
from sale of school sundries,	8 15
“ Collector of Taxes for 1901,	710 36
“ “ “ “ “ 1902,	16,889 75
“ Centre District hay scales,	2 60
“ sales of burial lots,	60 00
Druggist's license,	1 00
Victualler's licenses,	6 00
Fees from District Court,	169 53
Burial of State pauper,	15 00
State Highway loan fund,	129 87
	<hr/> \$39,327 33

PAYMENTS

Paid on principal of Town Hall and school loan,	\$2,150 00
interest on said loan,	873 00
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Amount forward,	\$3,023 00

Amount forward,	\$3,023 00
county tax,	2,403 08
State tax,	1,230 00
constable's fees,	8 57
Amount appropriation paid to treasurer of	
the Public Library,	400 00
school warrants,	7,275 29
State aid,	492 00
orders of Selectmen,	16,429 07
repairs on state highway,	72 00
one-quarter liquor license,	25
E. C. Tibbetts, for care of D. S. Al-	
len lot,	4 50
	<hr/> \$31,337 76

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Paid C. E. Whipple,	\$1,195 70
Patrick Curran,	20 00
Wm. Abbott,	21 60
G. B. Knowlton,	126 60
Philip Melanson,	7 20
S. Amero,	61 20
Owen Landen,	37 80
D. Auger,	71 76
Jos. Badger,	59 60
Jerry F. Hawkins,	19 40
Harold W. Morgan,	23 40
E. D. Lovett,	160 00
Geo. D. Babcock,	184 80
Fred. Berry,	82 20
C. Melanson,	131 40
Harry Dorcett,	102 60
E. A. Whipple,	172 80
E. Lawrence,	222 30
Eugene Perrin,	66 60
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Amount forward,	\$2,766 96

Amount forward,	\$2,766 96
Leon Chaput,	64 80
Martin Comeau,	84 60
S. E. McGlauffin,	13 75
Barton, Stockwell & Co.,	27 00
Geo. A. Dodge,	21 60
F. Brailey,	101 80
R. Plouff,	19 80
O. F. Brown,	65 00
A. J. Barton,	11 58
Henry Carey,	5 40
Geo. M. Adams,	133 80
Jas. Morgan,	7 50
John Morgan,	7 50
H. Pitman,	12 60
Jos. Tucker,	6 20
E. Martin,	55 40
Chas. McQuillan,	72 10
Chas. Ingalls,	28 80
Jos. Knowlton,	15 70
Wm. Messervy,	18 10
L. Martin,	39 20
John C. Sauer,	31 30
J. F. Pope & Son,	81 09
C. S. Gwinn,	32 40
Jonathan Lamson,	70 50
Isaac Lombard,	19 80
H. Pitman,	9 00
A. F. Lougee,	3 60
Henry Roundy,	1 60
Harvey Donnell,	10 80
A. B. Towle,	2 00
C. S. Gwinn, drain pipe,	35 80
Otis F. Brown, gravel,	11 00
Jos. Knowlton, “	4 00
Amount forward,	<hr/> \$3,892 08

Amount forward,	\$3,892 08	
Jos. A. Tucker, gravel,	16 20	
Sylvester Day, “	3 00	
Chas Perkins, “	15 80	
I. F. Day, “	50	
Alvin Smith, “	26 60	
	<hr/>	\$3,954 18

STEAM ROLLER

Paid Wm. J. Channel, engineer,	\$457 90	
A. W. Chesterton, supplies,	20 28	
C. S. Gwinn, coal,	23 19	
Hamlett & Hayes, supplies,	12 18	
Whitcomb & Carter, “	3 38	
Ira A. Smith, “	9 49	
Scully & Morrow, “	14 40	
John S. Glover, coal,	11 94	
Buffalo Pitts Co., supplies,	12 00	
C. E. Whipple, freight,	18 00	
C. E. Whipple, unloading roller,	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$588 01

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, ELLIOT STREET

Paid Barbour-Stockwell Co., catch basin and covers,	\$ 18 00	
C. E. Whipple,	102 80	
Geo. D. Babcock,	24 00	
Chas. McQuillan,	21 60	
Geo. B. Knowlton,	21 60	
Jerry Hawkins,	24 00	
A. G. Melanson,	21 60	
Philip Melanson,	10 80	
C. S. Gwinn, pipe and mason,	40 58	
C. E. Brown, bricks,	17 60	
	<hr/>	\$302 58

HIGHWAY SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF 1901

Paid G. M. Adams,	\$243 14	
C. A. Peterson,	1 75	
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co.,	132 06	
Geo. H. Gibney,	15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$391 95

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF 1902

Paid G. M. Adams,	\$741 00	
G. H. Gibney,	105 00	
G. W. Pickering, coal,	51 60	
Thos. Horne, stock and labor,	7 24	
Eastern Crushed Stone Co.,	718 17	
L. W. Keaton, care lanterns,	9 57	
G. M. Small, labor,	1 50	
Boston & Maine, freight,	35 00	
Eastern Crushed Stone Co.,	160 22	
J. S. Mann, stock,	3 68	
	<u> </u>	\$1,832 98

REMOVING SNOW

Paid Chas. S. Gwinn,	\$156 80	
Chas. E. Whipple,	70 20	
Emery Lawrence,	98 10	
Geo. M. Adams,	61 50	
Alvin Smith,	28 60	
John C. Sauer,	56 00	
E. D. Lovett,	24 80	
Emerson A. Whipple,	15 10	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	8 00	
Henry Roundy,	13 00	
Chas. Buzzell,	12 50	
Geo. B. Knowlton,	12 40	
Fred. Berry,	3 80	
Ralph Berry,	35	
	<u> </u>	
Amount forward,		\$561 15

Amount forward,	\$561 15
Geo. F. Dodge,	1 80
Wm. H. Dodge,	1 00
Lester M. Whipple,	1 50
Albert A. Dodge,	1 00
Frank Dane,	17 30
Chas. H. Smith,	3 75
Nath'l H. Wright,	1 20
Albert B. Richardson,	7 00
Benj. E. Dodge,	1 20
Winthrop W. Dodge,	2 60
Horace E. Dodge,	1 60
Francis Dodge,	5 94
Arthur Southwick,	2 40
John M. Mayes,	2 60
Geo. Holmes,	5 00
Samuel G. Goodhue,	5 70
Geo. R. Dodge,	3 40
Jona. Lamson,	10 50
Chas. A. Hobbs,	6 70
Frank McGregor,	6 90
Henry Carey,	11 60
Leverett Durkee,	7 30
Fred. Carroll,	4 00
S. E. McGlauffin,	2 40
A. C. Cummings,	11 20
Nathan Knowles,	1 20
Howard Warren,	1 50
Percy Dodge,	1 40
James Hart,	4 00
Jas. Broughel,	1 10
Albert F. Lougee,	9 60
F. Lefay,	1 10
Wallace Knowlton,	2 20
Jas. A. Garland,	10 50

Amount forward,

\$719 34

Amount forward,	\$719 34
Jos. A. Tucker,	2 40
Geo. H. Leighton,	2 90
Jas. Pitman, Jr.,	90
Robert McDonald,	2 40
Jas. W. Morgan,	3 50
Chas. F. Kinsman,	2 10
Geo. H. Whipple,	1 00
Frank M. Whipple,	8 20
Edgar Pitman,	2 10
Jas. Pitman,	2 80
Wm. Morse,	7 20
John W. Burchstead,	5 40
Wm. Richards,	80
S. A. Ingalls,	1 40
Douglas Knowlton,	1 20
Frank McDonald,	90
Ephraim Pitman,	1 40
D. H. Knowlton,	60
B. Kelly,	80
Frank Greiner,	1 70
Samuel Toner,	80
Arthur Butler,	30
Geo. D. Babcock,	6 00
J. Badger,	2 80
J. F. Hawkins,	7 20
Chas. McQuillan,	9 00
Harry N. Morgan,	7 20
Geo. J. Corporan,	7 20
Theodore Raymond,	2 60
Edward McGregor,	2 60
Chas. S. Smith,	7 00
Chas. E. Whipple,	42 60
Fred Berry,	9 50
Geo. A. Dodge,	9 60
Jerry Hawkins,	6 70

Amount forward

\$890 14

Amount forward,	\$890 14
G. B. Knowlton,	7 50
Allen Seeley,	6 70
Simeon Amero,	6 70
G. D. Babcock,	7 50
H. M. Morgan,	4 70
F. Brailey,	7 50
C. McQuillan,	7 50
Geo. J. Corporan,	6 70
Ralph Berry,	2 85
Lester M. Whipple,	3 80
Geo. H. Dodge,	5 00
E. Berry,	4 20
Chas. Upham,	3 90
W. J. Channell,	3 20
B. Benvie,	1 80
H. M. Dodge,	1 60
E. H. Haraden,	1 40
J. A. Haraden,	1 00
S. T. Haraden,	1 00
C. S. Gwinn,	15 60
J. E. Warner,	1 70
J. C. Sauer,	6 12
S. Toner,	80
A. Butler,	60
A. Smith,	12 00
Wm. Ball,	1 60
W. A. Smith,	4 70
A. F. Lougee,	3 20
	<hr/> \$1,021 01

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Paid City of Beverly, aid for Katherine Andrews,	\$ 28 14
S. E. Thayer, medical attendance R. Bridges,	15 50
S. C. Gould, supplies for R. Bridges,	14 00
	<hr/> \$57 64

STREET LIGHTING

Paid Globe Gas Light Co. as per contract,	\$593 35	
George R. Dodge, labor,	1 65	
	<u> </u>	\$595 00

TREE WARDEN

Paid T. C. Thurlow, shade trees,	\$ 59 75	
Otis F. Brown, tree warden,	27 90	
	<u> </u>	\$87 65

STREET WATERING

Paid Geo. W. Fitz, repairs,	\$ 1 30	
A. C. Cummings,	75 75	
	<u> </u>	\$77 05

POOR DEPARTMENT

Paid C. W. Dodge, board of Porter children,	\$221 00	
C. W. Dodge, board of Bridges children,	221 00	
C. A. Hobbs, board of E. Trussell,	234 00	
Frank Dane, board of Alvin Jowder,	50 00	
Sarah B. Dodge, assistance,	84 00	
City of Beverly, assistance to Ingalls family,	52 50	
Town of Ipswich, assistance to J. Bridges family, 1900,	3 02	
City of Haverhill, assistance to J. Bridges family,	20 30	
Richard Bridges, rent for A. Bridges family,	15 00	
H. J. Grant, rent for A. Bridges family,	15 00	
Estate of H. S. Pickard, rent for A. Bridges family,	4 30	
	<u> </u>	
Amount forward,		\$920 12

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D. D. Stone, supplies for A. Bridges family,	9 84
F. C. Norton, supplies for A. Bridges family,	49 70
Harry K. Dodge, supplies for A. Bridges family,	43 02
Wm. Russell, supplies for A. Bridges family,	1 48
L. E. Thayer, medical attendance A. Bridges family,	50 50
L. E. Thayer, medical attendance E. Trussell,	51 50
L. E. Thayer, medical attendance A. Jowder,	12 00
L. E. Thayer, medical attendance state pauper,	4 00
Charles S. Gwinn, supplies for A. Bridges family,	8 25
Horace E. Andrews, supplies,	4 45
F. A. Smith, supplies,	103 15
Wm. Crosby, supplies,	15 85
Emerson A. Whipple, care of tramps,	100 00
J. F. Smith, burial of state paupers,	15 00
	<hr/> \$1,388 86

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid John C. Sauer, coal,	\$ 3 25
F. A. Smith, coats,	49 30
Haverhill Fire App. Co., extinguishers,	25 00
Angie M. Adams, rent,	15 00
A. C. Cummings, painting truck,	35 00
“ “ team hire,	18 00
Owen McQueency, supplies,	7 00
Martin Striley, painting coats,	5 00

Amount forward, \$157 55

Amount forward,	\$157 55	
C. A. Hills, supplies,	4 00	
“ “ janitor,	6 25	
T. E. McGlauflin, janitor,	12 50	
Alvin C. Perley, stock and labor,	13 52	
S. C. Gould, supplies,	3 80	
Chas. S. Gwinn, wood,	1 00	
C. A. Peterson, stock and labor,	15 89	
S. E. McGlauflin, fire warden,	3 00	
Chas. Van, watching fire,	2 00	
Frank Allen, “ “	2 00	
Fred. Berry, “ “	2 00	
Joseph A. Tucker, “ “	2 00	
C. S. Gwinn, wood,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$226 51

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Paid E. L. Morse, janitor,	\$231 10	
“ “ “ paid for supplies,	5 50	
Pickett Coal Co., coal,	32 00	
Geo. W. Pickering, “	167 26	
F. C. Norton, supplies,	49 47	
Robert Robertson, repairs,	19 50	
H. B. Morse, extra work,	7 00	
Geo. W. Fitz, labor and supplies,	8 00	
Chas. E. Whipple, manure,	31 50	
Isaac F. Knowlton, fertilizer,	6 00	
“ “ “ wood,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$563 33

REPAIRING TOWN HALL

Paid Thomas Horne, repairing steps,	\$ 28 02	
Chas. L. Gwinn, drain pipe,	55 49	
Chas. E. Whipple, labor,	61 85	
J. L. Woodbury, repairing,	22 80	
Thos. P. Thompson, slating,	140 06	
Chas. W. Appleton, repairs,	89 91	
	<hr/>	\$398 13

SPECIAL CEMETERY

Paid C. E. Whipple, labor on cemetery,	\$201 65	
E. C. Tibbets, care of cemetery,	30 35	
Fred Poole, painting fence,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 00

LIQUOR COMMITTEE

Paid E. F. Knight, services,	\$331 57	
Forest L. Evans, legal services,	45 00	
Geo. E. Bousley, sheriff,	18 00	
Wm. Noonan, carriage hire,	9 00	
Chas. S. Gwinn, " "	1 50	
Geo. K. Knowlton, services,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$455 07
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By witness fees,		11 24
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		\$443 83

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Paid Dr. S. E. Thayer, attendance on F.		
B. Phillips,	\$ 30 00	
Dr. Thos. Kittredge, consultation		
F. B. Phillips,	15 00	
Dr. C. H. Davis, attendance F. B.		
Phillips,	300 00	
Mrs. Hussey, nurse F. B. Phillips,	124 60	
Jos. Johnson, quarantine officer,	40 00	
Jas. Peters, " "	148 00	
F. Peterson, " "	6 00	
Geo. H. Gibney, health "	73 00	
" " " paid for telephoning,	1 10	
" " " supplies,	1 80	
Mrs. Sanborn, sheets,	5 50	
A. Peatfield, supplies,	11 69	
Wm. Saunders, "	5 00	
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Amount forward,		\$761 69

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John V. Emerson, “	176 59	
Horace E. Andrews, supplies,	41 77	
F. A. Smith, “	2 25	
Asbury Grove Corporation, furniture,	70 99	
John R. Mann, stock and labor,	57 86	
Geo. H. Gibney, fumigating for diph- theria,	5 00	
C. H. & J. Price, supplies,	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,121 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Chas. A. King, printing town reports,	\$ 45 65
Iver Johnson Co., police supplies,	11 25
Geo. A. Schofield, printing,	10 00
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber for hay scales,	5 04
Dr. S. E. Thayer, vaccination,	14 00
Dr. S. E. Thayer, return of births,	6 00
Dr. G. G. Bailey, return of births,	50
American Express,	1 45
E. C. Tibbetts, care of church green,	12 40
Forest L. Evans, legal services,	200 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies,	17 57
Horace E. Andrews, supplies,	32 83
Geo. H. Gibney, copying,	15 00
Lilla D. Stott, copying transfers,	13 05
Andrew Haraden, labor on assessors’ books,	20 00
Hamilton Veteran Asso.,	20 00
Geo. H. Gibney, telephoning,	35
“ “ P. O. box rent,	10
J. C. Underhill, heater,	10 00
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	1 10
Barry Printing Co., printing,	1 25
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Amount forward,	\$437 54

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Hamilton Hardware Co., supplies,	10 06	
J. W. Hayes, supplies,	12 02	
Geo. T. Litchfield, care of clock,	25 00	
A. W. Chandler, insurance South school,	204 00	
Edward Ready, typewriting,	10 00	
A. C. Cummings, carriage hire,	90 20	
Danial E. Safford, postage,	4 20	
Newcomb & Goss, printing,	1 75	
N. J. Conrad, supplies,	5 00	
J. L. Woodbury, repairs,	1 50	
Geo. H. Gibney, p'd paper,	2 75	
“ “ postage,	2 25	
“ “ telephoning,	1 60	
O. F. Brown, return of Rep. vote,	2 00	
“ “ “ “ dog license,	2 00	
“ “ “ administering oaths,	2 25	
“ “ “ expressage and postage,	2 75	
“ “ “ letter heads,	1 50	
“ “ “ return of births,	12 50	
“ “ “ recording marriages,	3 20	
“ “ “ “ deaths,	5 80	
G. A. Stickney, M D., return of births,	25	
L. N. Farnum, engineer Water Com.,	116 20	
C. W. Appleton, postage,	1 70	
“ “ “ printing tax bills,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$963 02

SALARIES AND FEES

Paid Isaac F. Knowlton for services as selectman,	\$100 00	
assessor,	100 00	
overseer of the poor	35 00	
board of health	25 00	
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Amount forward,		\$260 00

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Paid Isaac F. Knowlton for services as	
committee on streets,	25 00
registrar of voters,	15 00
election officer,	5 00
water committee,	9 00
4 journeys to Boston,	12 00
2 journeys to Lynn,	6 00
G. E. Safford, services as	
selectman,	100 00
assessor,	100 00
overseer of the poor,	35 00
board of health,	25 00
committee on streets,	25 00
registrar of voters,	15 00
election officer,	5 00
water committee,	9 00
3 journeys to Boston,	9 00
1 journey to Haverhill,	3 00
1 journey to Amesbury,	3 00
Geo. H. Gibney, services as	
selectman,	100 00
assessor,	100 00
overseer of the poor,	35 00
board of health,	25 00
committee on streets,	25 00
registrar of voters,	15 00
election officer,	5 00
water committee,	12 00
11 journeys to Boston,	33 00
1 journey to Lynn,	3 00
1 journey to Beverly,	3 00
by-law committee,	35 00
Norman J. Conrad, services as constable,	50 50
Chas. H. Smith, dog constable, 1901,	25 00
Amount forward,	<hr/> \$1,127 50

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Chas. H. Smith, dog constable, 1902,	25 00
“ “ services as constable,	7 00
Alden J. Chandler, constable,	34 75
A. T. Pool, services as constable,	27 00
Chas E. Whipple, “ “	20 00
Geo. E. Roberts, “ “	21 50
C. A. Hillis, election officer,	5 00
A. B. Towle, “ “	5 00
J. L. Woodbury, “ “	5 00
Chas. W. Appleton, “ “	5 00
“ “ “ collector, 1901,	267 26
Daniel E. Safford, treasurer,	100 00
Andrew Haraden, auditor,	20 00
G. K. Knowlton, school committee,	75 00
“ “ by-law “	25 00
Everett A. Smith, school “	50 00
“ “ by-law “	3 25
Jessie G. Nichols, services as school committee,	50 00
Otis F. Brown, town clerk,	25 00
“ “ registrar of voters,	15 00
Geo. R. Dodge, inspector of animals,	41 90
Frank H. Woodward, teller,	2 50
Ralph Dane, “	2 50
	<hr/> \$1,960 16

ABATEMENTS

Allowed Charles W. Appleton, on abatement, as follows :

	1899	
Lyman Poor,	poll,	\$2 00
R. M. Johnson,	real,	77
Sarah McNulty, real,		2 31
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Amount forward,		\$5 08

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1900	
Lyman Poor, poll,	2 00
Benj. W. Adams, “	2 00
R. M. Johnson, real,	67
Sarah McNulty, “	2 01
1901	
Lyman Poor, poll,	2 00
B. W. Adams, “	2 00
Geo. F. Blake, “	2 00
A. F. Dunnells, “	2 00
Fred. Fach, “	2 00
Wesley Hobbs, “	2 00
Chas. W. Hallett, “	2 00
Walter Smith, “	2 00
Jas. E. Dow, “	2 00
Jos. Pitman, poll and personal,	3 25
Sarah McNulty, real,	1 98
R. W. Johnson, “	66
B. W. Adams, poll,	2 00
Geo. F. Blake, “	2 00
Hiram Clarke, “	2 00
Albert A. Dunnells, “	2 00
Jas. E. Dow, “	2 00
Howard B. Feener, “	2 00
Fred. Fach, “	2 00
Chas. W. Hallett, “	2 00
Wesley Hobbs, “	2 00
Chas. W. Ingalls, “	2 00
John Jones, “	2 00
Geo. Martin, “	2 00
Wm. Priestly, “	2 00
John V. Emerson, real and personal,	2 85
R. M. Johnson, real,	65
Sarah McNulty, “	1 95
Geo. H. Bishop, personal,	45 50
Amount forward,	\$ 112 60

Amount forward,	\$112 60	
Wm. A. Brown, personal,	6 50	
Est. John Dane, “	52 00	
Jos. Knowlton, real,	1 30	
Daniel Roberts, personal,	6 50	
Asbury Grove, 1901,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$203 90

RECAPITULATION

Paid on Town Hall and School House loan,	\$2,150 00	
interest on said loan,	873 00	
County tax,	2,403 08	
State tax,	1,230 00	
Constable fees,	8 57	
Public Library appropriation,	400 00	
School warrants,	7,275 29	
State aid,	492 00	
Repairs on state highway,	72 00	
$\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	25	
Highway department,	3,954 18	
Steam roller,	588 01	
Elliot street, special,	302 58	
Highway special appropriation, 1901,	391 95	
“ “ “ 1902,	1,832 98	
Removing snow,	1,021 01	
Soldiers' relief,	57 64	
Street lighting,	595 00	
Tree warden,	87 65	
Street watering,	77 05	
Poor department,	1,388 86	
Fire “	226 51	
Town hall expenses,	563 33	
Repairing town hall,	398 13	
Health department,	1,121 40	
Cemetery,	242 00	
Liquor committee,	443 83	
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Amount forward,		\$28,196 30

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Miscellaneous,	963 02	
Salaries and fees,	1,960 16	
Abatements,	203 90	
E. C. Tibbets, care D. S. Allen lot,	4 50	
	<u> </u>	31,327 88
Overdrawn orders,		9 88
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		\$31,337 76
Treasurer's receipts,	\$39,327 33	
" payments,	31,337 76	
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Balance in treasury,	\$7,989 57	

RESOURCES

Due from the Collector of Taxes, 1902,	\$1,113 77	
" Commonwealth of Massachusetts by allowances		
on corporation tax,	861 34	
small pox case,	647 82	
for use of steam roller,	104 00	
from the Town of Danvers for the		
use of steam roller,	86 00	
" Town of Wenham for the		
use of steam roller,	20 00	
" Town of Ipswich for the		
use of steam roller,	16 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,848 93

The foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have this day been examined by me and all accounts found as stated.

ANDREW HARADEN, *Auditor.*

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
GEO. H. GIBNEY,
GEO. E. SAFFORD,

Selectmen of Hamilton.

Hamilton, Feb. 25, 1903.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Tax on each poll,	\$	2 00
Value on personal property,		1,135,430 00
Value on buildings,		611,605
Value on land,		766,100
Value on assessed estate,		2,513,135 00
Total tax,		17,048 72
Street railway excise tax,		933 62
Rate per thousand,		6 50
Number of polls,		356
Number of horses,		470
“ cows,		301
Neat cattle other than cows,		58
Number of sheep,		253
“ swine,		36
“ fowl,		4,280
“ dwelling houses,		793
“ acres of land,		8,442
“ tax payers,		692
“ “ “ poll only,		163

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

At the annual town meeting held March 11, 1902, a board of cemetery commissioners was elected as follows: George K. Knowlton for three years, Frank C. Norton two years, George H. Gibney one year. Organization was perfected as follows:

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, *Chairman.*

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, *Secretary.*

FRANK C. NORTON.

RECEIPTS

Amount of money appropriated by the town for care of the cemetery,	\$300 00
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EXPENDITURES

Paid Charles E. Whipple, teams and labor,	\$174 80	
“ “ “ 2 cords manure,	12 00	
“ “ “ 51 loads loam,	12 75	
“ “ “ grass seed,	2 10	
		\$201 65
Paid A. T. Poole, painting iron fence,	10 00	
E. C. Tibbetts, care of cemetery,	30 35	
		<u>\$242 00</u>
Balance unexpended,		\$58 00

All the front ground of the cemetery bordering on the main street has been sown to grass and presents a fine appearance.

The trees have been trimmed, some dead ones removed, and the iron fence has been painted.

Four lots to be made into one lot have been set apart expressly for the burial of all soldiers and sailors who have, or at any time shall have, fought on land or sea for the flag of our country.

It is the purpose of the commissioners to remove to this lot every soldier and sailor in the cemetery entitled to such burial and who now lies sleeping in a lone grave.

The commissioners recognize the great importance of having a thorough plan of the cemetery made during the present year.

A large amount of valuable information should be recorded, which can only be obtained from Mr. E. C. Tibbetts, who has had the care of the cemetery quite a number of years.

There is also more or less work to be done on the avenues and in keeping the grounds neat and clean.

All deeds of lots hereafter to be issued will contain Rules and Regulations for the government of the cemetery.

The commissioners recommend an appropriation by the town of \$300.00.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
F. C. NORTON,
GEO. H. GIBNEY,
Cemetery Commissioners.

List of Jurors

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN

Fred Berry,
A. A. Whipple,
J. C. Underhill,
Frank R. Shaller,
Isaac F. Knowlton,
John L. Woodbury,
Frank Marshall,
Clarence P. Roberts,

Charles W. Appleton,
John R. Mann,
Samuel E. McGlauffin,
Eldridge D. Lovett,
Everett A. Smith,
George M. Adams,
E. Nelson Pierce,
Frank Dane,
Charles S. Gwinn.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

ESSEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 4. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Hamilton for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the purpose of observing Decoration Day by the soldiers of the rebellion.

ART. 8. To see if the town will take any action toward observing Old Home Week and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 9. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, townways, bridges and all other town expenses, and to determine the manner of spending the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will erect ornamental sign boards and street signs throughout the town and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take towards placing street lights on the following streets: Bridge street from Main street to Miles River Station, Walnut street, Railroad avenue, Willow street, Asbury street from Main street to Asbury Grove, and make an appropriation for the same as petitioned for by A. C. Cummings and others.

ART. 12. To see if the town will accept the street known as Hancock street as laid out by the selectmen; also to change the name of the said so-called Hancock street to Hamilton avenue and to appropriate a sum of money to grade and gravel the same, as petitioned for by J. W. Roberts and others.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the street known as Maple street as laid out by the selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money to grade and gravel the same, as petitioned for by Hiram S. Back and others.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take towards watering the macadam roads and to appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to bonding its officers.

ART. 16. To see if the town will fix the salary of the town officials.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to preserving all previous town reports.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money under the direction of the selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector, may use, agreeable to chapter 25, section 75, of the revised laws.

ART. 20. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as proposed and posted by the Selectmen.

ART. 22. To act on any other matter that may come legally before said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the meeting house, one at the town hall, and one at the store of L. E. Libby in said town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February, 1903, A.D.

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
GEO. H. GIBNEY,
GEO. E. SAFFORD,

Selectmen of Hamilton.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK FOR 1902.

Received and paid the town Treasurer, for sale of burial lots,	\$60 00
Received and paid town treasurer for drug- gist's license,	1 00
Received for dog licenses to Dec. 1st, 1902, and paid the county treasurer,	398 40
Recorded 25 births.	
Recorded 16 marriages.	
Recorded 29 deaths.	

OTIS F. BROWN,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

Within a few years the importance of the preservation of shade trees on the highways in the state caused the legislature to pass an act requiring every town to elect at their annual town meeting a Tree Warden, who would have the care of shade trees on the highways. Elected to fill this important office, your warden soon discovered that there was much work that ought to be done and much more that might be done.

At the present time our shade trees seem to be in good condition. Branches have been removed where they in any way obstructed the highways or sidewalks. Two hundred rock maples have been planted, and they all lived and in a few years will make the streets very attractive. If a hundred or two were set each year, in a short time our public streets would be as fine as any in the state.

Mr. George v. L. Myer has planted a good many trees on Main street at his own expense, also furnishing men and a team to help plant the two hundred last spring.

But for the generous assistance of Mr. Myer, who instructed his foreman to send all the help needed, much more of the appropriation would have been expended. Mr. Myers is quite interested in the planting of shade trees, and hoped they would be planted every year.

O. F. BROWN,
Tree Warden.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND LIBRARIAN OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees take pleasure in reporting an unusual interest in the Library the past year, and a good progress in all departments. The number of patrons has steadily increased.

Following the principle adopted in former years, the Trustees have exercised discrimination in selecting new books, believing that in a small library only those books which are likely to have some permanent value are worthy a place on its shelves. It is the duty as well as the privilege of a public library to set the standard of reading, to place a value upon quality rather than upon quantity. Beside the best current fiction there have been added works of standard authors ; books of general interest in biography, history, travel and religion — treating of current events and discussions, and several translations of the classics. Attention is called especially to the large number of valuable works of absorbing interest which have not entered largely into general circulation.

Books on special subjects, which are of interest to the general reader, have been furnished to the teachers and pupils of the public schools, to study clubs and societies. The principal of the South School having established a school library for the pupils, has made generous selections which have been loaned for a limited period. Under her supervision the pupils have been directed and encouraged to read the best literature, and the number of books in circulation has increased. The Trustees would be glad to furnish similar collections to other schools to a reasonable extent and for a limited time, believing thereby the library may be made to serve all the citizens in a larger way. Arrangements have been made already for the establishment of such a loan library in the West School.

The Librarian has spent much time outside of regular hours in cataloguing the recent accessions according to the Dewey sys-

tem, and in preparing the supplement to the finding-list, issued in January.

The delivery room, which also serves as reading room and reference room, is greatly crowded at times. Undoubtedly a much larger number would take advantage of it if there were better opportunity for quiet reading and study. Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly, The Century, Scribner's, The Youth's Companion, The New England Magazine, The Review of Reviews, The Atlantic, McClure's, Munsey's, St. Nicholas, The Vegetarian and The Christian Work, have appeared regularly on the reading room tables; and The Ladies' Home Journal, The Outlook, The World's Work, Outing and Success, have been added to the regular list. There have been also contributions of other magazines and periodicals.

Many of the volumes have been re-bound and some thoroughly worn out replaced. In the coming year it will be well to have many more re-bound, and magazines which will be of permanent value bound and preserved. Some of the magazines now on file might be loaned to the school libraries.

The Woman's Education Society of Boston has rendered great service by providing, free of charge, three loan exhibitions, Photographs of Authors, Photographs of Birds and Photographs of Australia and New Zealand. All were highly instructive and thoroughly appreciated by the public, including large numbers of pupils of the schools. This society also loaned for six months an Audubon Library, consisting of books and charts, which were for general circulation.

A few volumes have been received from the General Theological Library of Boston, the local library as a distributing branch being entitled to two volumes for each resident clergyman, to be retained three weeks. The only expense involved in any of these loans from abroad is for transportation.

Thanks are due Mr. Horace E. Andrews for the use of his store as a delivery station.

The Trustees respectfully recommend the appropriation of four hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

STATISTICS

Total number of volumes	March, 1902	2,896
“ “ “	added	197
“ “ “	March, 1903	3,093
Number of volumes of	fiction issued	5,104
“ “ “	history and travel	197
“ “ “	biography	120
“ “ “	miscellaneous	337
Total number of	bound volumes issued	5,758
“ “	magazines issued	779
“ “	bound volumes and magazines	6,537
Number of cards issued during the year		88
“ “ “	since Library opened	1,133
Fines collected during year		\$6.81

GIFTS

	Bound Volumes	Unbound Volumes
Hon. A. P. Gardner, Rep. Comp. Currency	1	
State Mass., Trial of John O'Neil	1	
“ “ Public Documents { Acts and Resolves Journals	7	
“ “ Public Documents		5
“ “ Soldiers and Sailors of Rev'n.	2	
“ “ Memorial to Roger Wolcott	1	
U. S. Gov. Reports, Com. Ed.	1	
“ Smithsonian Ins.	1	
“ Interstate Com. Com.	1	
“ Civil Ser. Com.	1	
Reports,		16
N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc., Vital Records	7	
Rep. Geo. H. Gibney, Legislative Souvenir	1	
Manual Gen. Court	1	
Hon. A. E. Pillsbury, Memorial Discourses		
J. W. & E. D. Pillsbury	1	
City of Boston, Public Lib. Report		1
Boston Univ., Catalogue Sch. Med.		1

	Bound Volumes	Unbound Volumes
City Fall River, Pub. Lib. Rep.		2
Town Topsfield, Town Report		1
Town Merrimac " "		1
Gen. Theo. Lib. Report		1
Miscellaneous	2	27
Chas. D. Sias, parcel magazines		
Miss Ella Rankins, parcel magazines		
Anonymous, Pioneers of Mass., by C. H. Pope	1	
Miss Sara Safford, parcel magazines		
T. W. Lawson, History of the America's Cup	1	
Mrs. G. K. Knowlton, The New Voice, 1 year		

GRACE C. STONE,
Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, in account with Trustees of Public
Library of Hamilton, Mass.

Dr.

1902

Brought forward from last account	\$ 227 14	
July 22. Received of Miss Grace C. Stone, amount of fines	4 75	
Received of Daniel E. Safford, Treas., amount appropriated by Town of Hamilton, at Annual Town meeting of 1902	400 00	
Mar. 1. Received of Miss Grace C. Stone, amount of fines	6 81	
	<hr/>	\$ 638 70

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Apr. 29. Paid Warrant No. 1 Pilgrim Press	\$ 35 70	
J. G. Nichols, sundries	6 61	
Grace C. Stone, extra work	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 47 31

July 1.	Paid Warrant No. 2		
	Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,		
	magazines	\$ 28 25	
	Grace C. Stone	25 00	
	J. G. Nichols	4 00	
	E. A. McIntire	1 00	
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		\$ 58 25	
Oct. 11.	Paid Warrant No. 3		
	Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, books	\$36 26	
	Pilgrim Press	32 25	
	Grace C. Stone	25 00	
	A. C. Cummings, trans. of books	13 00	
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		\$105 61	
Dec. 26.	Paid Warrant No. 4		
	Pilgrim Press	\$ 22 41	
	Grace C. Stone	35 00	
	Beverly Citizen Co., finding lists	20 00	
	Almy, Bigelow & Washburn	14 39	
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1903		\$ 91 80	
Feb. 21.	Paid Warrant No. 5		
	Pilgrim Press	\$ 18 54	
	A. C. Cummings	11 75	
	J. G. Nichols	5 08	
	Almy, Bigelow & Washburn	5 25	
	Grace C. Stone	25 00	
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		\$ 65 62	
	Balance to credit of Library		
	Trustees	\$270 11	\$ 638 70
E. & O. E.			

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER,
Treasurer of Trustees.

Hamilton, Mass., March 2, 1903.

JESSE G. NICHOLS,
 GEORGE v. L. MEYER,
 AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER,
Trustees of the Public Library.

ORDERS AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMILTON.



ORDERS AND BY-LAWS

HAMILTON, MASS., Feb. 16, 1903.

Whereas the undersigned were appointed at the previous annual town meeting as a Committee to revise the by-laws of the town, we beg in the pursuance of our duty in that capacity to submit the following report:—

Your Committee has carefully considered the needs of the town, not only in its present condition, but under circumstances which may reasonably be expected to arise in the future.

While we cannot hope to please all, yet we cherish the hope that to the reasonable majority of our townspeople these orders and by-laws will prove satisfactory.

Your Committee has spared no pains in consulting modern authorities, and have freely borrowed from the revised and lately-approved by-laws of other towns; and we hereby gratefully acknowledge the unfailing courtesy of the officials to whom we have applied either for advice or the use of public documents.

We desire to call especial attention to our endeavors to systematize the town records, by calling for itemized reports from the different departments and the provision made for the indexing of these records when filed with the Town Clerk.

As there seems to be a misapprehension of some of the public statutes of Massachusetts which nearly affect us as townspeople, your Committee has freely incorporated sections of the Revised Laws which deal with matters of interest to us all, thinking this a most feasible way of putting information before the citizens in a conveniently accessible form.

While not by any means claiming perfection, being well conscious of our shortcomings, we hope these orders and by-laws will be useful to this town for many years to come.

ORDERS

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETING.

When Held.

The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in March, and meeting shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

How Notified.

All warrant for town meetings shall be served by posting attested copies thereof at the Congregational Church, at the Town Hall and at the Wenham Depot Post-office in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Special Meetings.

The selectmen shall give at least three days' public notice of their intent to issue a warrant for a special town meeting, unless in their judgment public interest would suffer by such delay.

Adjourned Meetings.

When any town meeting shall be adjourned, except from day to day, by reason of the regular business of the meeting being unfinished, the town clerk shall cause notices of the time and place of holding such adjourned meetings to be duly posted in the public places mentioned in section two, which notices shall also state briefly the business to come before such adjourned meeting and shall include notices of all pending motions.

Form of Vote to be used upon Money Matters.

No vote shall be passed appropriating or involving the expenditure of money at any meeting except by hand vote, or written or printed ballot, which vote shall be counted by tellers appointed by the chair, and said vote shall be recorded by the town clerk.

Reconsideration of Vote upon Money Matters.

No vote relative to the raising, paying or appropriating any money shall be reconsidered in town meeting by any less number of votes than were cast at the former consideration of the same.

Government of Town Meeting.

SECT. 7. Town meeting shall be governed according to the rules of parliamentary practice in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with law.

ARTICLE II.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SECTION 1. No action shall be taken at any town meeting appropriating or involving the expenditure of money or the creating of any town debt, unless at least thirty-five shall vote in favor of such appropriation, expenditure or incurred debt.

SECT. 2. No action shall be taken at any special town meeting appropriating or involving the expenditure of money, or the creating of any town debt exceeding the amount of one thousand dollars, unless at least seventy-five shall vote in favor of such appropriation, expenditure or incurred debt.

SECT. 3. Whenever the appropriation placed in the hands of any board or department for a specified purpose shall be exhausted, such board or department shall not proceed to further expenditure without authority from the town.

Provided, however, that this shall not forbid any expenditures that may be absolutely needful to the public safety, or that may be required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECT. 4. Whenever it shall appear to the selectmen that any board or committee has exhausted its appropriation, the select-

men shall not draw any further order therefor without a vote of the town.

SECT. 5. Whenever the account of an appropriation made for any department of the town shows at the end of a fiscal year a balance unexpended, such balance shall be carried to the credit of such department or specific work for the ensuing year. If the amount appropriated for a special work exceeds the cost of such work, the balance of such appropriation shall be placed in the general funds of the town.

ARTICLE III.

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.

SECTION 1. All demands against the town shall be presented in separate accounts to the board or committee to which they respectfully appertain, at a meeting of such board or committee, by whom they shall be examined, and if approved shall be attested by the official signature of the chairman and clerk of said board or committee duly endorsed thereon. A brief statement of the account shall be made in a book kept for that purpose by the clerk of each board.

SECT. 2. All accounts and other claims against the town for labor done, services performed, or material furnished for the use of the town under the charge, direction or superintendence of any board or officer, shall when presented to the selectmen bear an attestation of the approval of such board or officer, otherwise the same shall not be acted upon by the selectmen. And the selectmen shall not authorize the payment of any account or claim whatever against the town, unless such account or claim be accompanied by a full and exact statement of the labor or services performed or the material furnished, and the selectmen shall also secure satisfactory vouchers from each of the persons to whom payment was due.

ARTICLE IV.

TOWN CLERK.

SECTION 1. The clerk shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all books, papers, documents, plans and records, which

shall be deposited in town vault, and shall not allow them to be taken from his custody.

SECT. 2. The town clerk shall furnish all boards and committees with a copy of all votes affecting them. All committees to whom any matter which requires a public hearing is referred by the town, shall give a public notice thereof, stating time and place of such hearing.

SECT. 3. The town clerk shall furnish blanks of the ordinary letter size, with appropriate headings, upon which petitions, reports and other papers in the ordinary course of town proceedings may be prepared. He shall fold uniformly all papers and documents within his department, and shall endorse them in a manner to indicate the contents of each paper, and shall file and arrange them in a manner convenient for reference and examination. He shall index all such papers and documents and all records of the town.

SECT. 4. All petitions for the insertion of articles in the warrant for a town meeting, and all papers and reports, whether printed or written, relating to such a meeting, shall be kept in separate files with the words, "Regular Town Meeting," or "Special Town Meeting," as the case may be, with the current year plainly marked thereon.

SECT. 5. Whenever a report of any board or committee is presented to the town, and its recommendations are adopted, the town clerk shall cause to be entered upon the records of the meeting such portions of the report as may be necessary for the understanding of the action taken by the town.

ARTICLE V.

SELECTMEN.

SECTION 1. The selectmen shall make an annual report to the town, giving an account of their action in all matters of public interest, stating specifically what streets, if any, have been laid out and constructed, or altered, what damages have been assessed and paid, and what claims are outstanding and unsettled, and they shall give full reports with regard to all suits against the town.

SECT. 2. The selectmen may bring suit in the name of the town against the principal and sureties, or either of them, named in any bond given to the town by any officer, agent, contractor or other person, for breach of the condition of such bond.

They shall cause the appearance and answer of the town to be entered and made in all suits brought against the town at law or in equity.

They shall consider all claims made against the town for damages, or breaches of contract, and may settle the same before suit is brought thereon, provided that in no case shall a settlement be so made by a payment of more than five hundred dollars.

SECT. 3. The selectmen shall have control of the police department, and shall make from time to time such rules and regulations for the government, disposition and management of the police as they may deem expedient.

SECT. 4. The selectmen shall keep a separate account of each appropriation made by the town, and shall post all books in their charge by the first day of each month. Each account shall be distinctly set forth in their annual statement made to the town.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the selectmen to audit the account of the collector at least once in two months. It shall be their duty to audit the account of the treasurer at the close of each municipal year, and as much oftener as they deem expedient, and for this purpose they shall have access to all books and vouchers in his possession, or in the possession of any other officer of the town, and they shall in all cases report to the town the result of their examination.

SECT. 6. The selectmen shall cause the annual report to be printed which shall contain the report of the auditor with the accounts and statements upon which it is based, the warrant for the next annual town meeting, the report of all town meetings held during the year, as recorded by the town clerk, and the reports of all other boards and officers.

They shall cause the same to be distributed to the citizens of the town at least one week before the annual town meeting of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and payments of money in behalf of the town, and shall pay all demands against the town upon orders of the selectmen, and upon warrants drawn by the school committee.

Notes, interest and all sums required by law to be paid either to the state or county treasurer shall be paid by the town treasurer without special direction.

SECT. 2. All money belonging to the town shall be deposited in the name of the Town of Hamilton in any National Bank or trust company which shall be approved by the selectmen, and the treasurer shall sign all checks and drafts on deposit.

ARTICLE VII.

COLLECTOR.

SECTION 1. The collector of taxes shall exhibit his accounts to the selectmen at least once in two months, and shall then produce treasury receipts for all money paid into the treasury by him, and shall deliver to the treasurer an order for such abatement of taxes as have been made by the assessor. The collector shall pay the treasurer all money received on account of taxes at least once in each month.

ARTICLE VIII.

TREE WARDEN.

SECTION 1. The tree warden shall give the owner of any land abutting a highway at least twenty-four hours written notice of his intention to trim any shade tree on the highway abutted by such land, and he shall carefully observe the following section of chapter 53 of Revised Laws : —

SECT. 12. The tree warden may appoint and remove deputy tree wardens. He and they shall receive such compensation as the town determines or, in default thereof, as the selectmen allow. He shall have the care and control of all public shade trees in the town, except those in public parks or open places under the jurisdiction of the park commissioner, and of those, if

so requested in writing by the park commissioner, and shall enforce all the provisions of law for the preservation of such trees. He shall expend all money appropriated for the setting out and maintenance of such trees.

Regulations for their care and preservation made by him, approved by the selectmen and posted in two or more public places, imposing fines and forfeiture of not more than twenty dollars in any one case, shall have the force and effect of town by-laws. All shade trees within the limits of a public way shall be public shade trees.

SECT. 13. Public shade trees outside the residential part of a town, as determined by the selectmen, shall not be cut or removed, in whole or in part, except by the warden or his deputy or by a person holding a license so to do from the tree warden.

Public shade trees within said residential parts shall not be cut, except for trimming by the tree warden, nor shall they be removed by the tree warden or his deputy or other person without a public hearing at a suitable time and place, after notices thereof posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree and after authority granted by the tree warden thereof. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the town.

ARTICLE IX.

CHIEF OF POLICE.

SECTION 1. The selectmen shall appoint a Chief of Police who shall serve during their pleasure.

He shall receive complaints against all persons violating any law in the town, prosecute offenders, and attend in behalf of the town the trial of offenders.

He shall enforce all orders, regulations and by-laws of the town and shall obey and execute all lawful orders and commands of the selectmen. He shall keep a record of all offences committed and of all prosecutions.

The Chief of Police shall receive such compensation as the selectmen determine.

In case the office becomes vacant the selectmen shall appoint a successor.

ARTICLE X.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All boards and committees shall make a record of their meetings and proceedings thereat, which record shall be open to public inspection.

SECT. 2. All officers shall transmit to their successors in office, at the expiration of their term of office, all books, papers, documents, plans and other properties in their custody belonging to the town.

The officers of all departments shall turn over to the town clerk all books, papers, documents, plans and records belonging to the town and not necessary for the immediate use of their respective departments, and these shall be deposited in the town clerk's vault.

SECT. 3. Any board or committee having in charge any contract work or undertaking of any nature for which any special appropriation has been made, shall in the annual town report make a statement of the condition of such contract work or other undertaking with a report of all receipts, expenditures and indebtedness incurred by said board or committee to the date of said report and an estimate of the amount of money necessary to finish said work.

SECT. 4. All boards, committees or officers having charge of expenditures of money shall at the end of the year make a report to the auditor of all unpaid bills. The financial year shall end on the fifteenth day of February.

ARTICLE XI.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

SECTION 1. The selectmen shall constitute the board of health.

SECT. 2. The board of health shall organize annually by choice of one of their members as chairman.

The said board shall also appoint a secretary, whose duty it shall be to have charge of the records of the board.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the board of health to look after the sanitary condition of the town and make all such regulations as it judges necessary for the public health and safety respecting nuisances, sources of filth and causes of sickness within the town, and respecting articles which are capable of containing infection or contagion that might be brought into or conveyed from the town.

It shall be the duty of the board to enter complaint against all persons offending against the laws of the Commonwealth providing for the preservation of the public health, and to prosecute the same to final judgment, at the expense of the town.

The board of health shall make a full and comprehensive statement of its doings for the year preceding, with a review of the sanitary condition of the town, which shall be printed in the town report.

ARTICLE XII.

STREETS.

SECTION 1. The streets and public ways of the town hereafter to be established are to be not less than fifty feet in width, and in laying out or accepting of all such streets and ways (excepting those that have houses erected on them at the time of the acceptance of this order) the selectmen are directed to hold this in mind as the fixed policy of the town.

SECT. 2. The street commissioner or superintendent of streets shall keep an accurate account of all money expended and all work done upon the streets and squares of the town, and a daily record of number of men and teams, and the extent and nature of the work done, and the amount expended on each street, way or square, and also the time spent in making such repairs.

SECT. 3. A pay roll shall be kept of the employees of the street department and of the owners of teams employed thereon, and parties furnishing material therefor, the time for which payment is to be made; the rate of wages; the amount and cost of material furnished, and the amount due in each case.

Payment shall be made in each case to the party to whom it shall be due, or his agent or attorney authorized in writing to receive the same.

SECT. 4. The superintendent or commissioner of streets shall furnish an annual report of the street department to be printed in the annual town report.

SECT. 5. When permanent or macadam roads are built with money especially appropriated for the same by a legal town meeting, whether said work is performed by street superintendent or special contract, or such work shall be commenced not later than September 1, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent or contractor to properly mark all dangerous places or piles of material while the road is in process of construction, that no person may sustain damage thereby. All work on aforesaid permanent or macadam roads shall be completed on or before December 1, and it shall be the duty of said Superintendent or contractor to leave the road in safe travelling condition.

ARTICLE XIII.

AUDITOR.

SECTION 1. The auditor shall examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees who are entrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which money has been paid from the treasury. He shall have free access to such books, accounts, bills and vouchers as often as once a month for the purpose of examination, and shall examine the same at least once in each year, and annually report in writing the result of his examination.

ARTICLE XIV.

PECUNIARY INTEREST OF OFFICERS.

No town officer or member of a committee chosen by the town, nor any agent of such officer or committee, shall have any pecuniary interest in any contract or bargain made or approved in behalf of the town, by himself, any board or committee of which he is a member or for which he may act as agent.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

All money received by any department, board or committee from the sale of any material or property belonging to the town,

or received from the settlement of any demand or claim due to town, shall be at once turned over to the treasurer.

VAULTS AND SAFES.

The combination to the vaults of the town house shall be known to the town clerk, board of selectmen and assessors; *provided, however,* that whenever persons, other than the clerk, are engaged by authority of the town, indexing the records, the town clerk may in such case make known the combination to some one person only, who may be so engaged. The combination to the safe in the selectmen's room shall be known to them and to the town treasurer only. These combinations shall be changed whenever a change shall occur in either of the above offices.

ARTICLE XV.

TOWN HALL.

The use of the town hall shall be allowed free of expense for political meetings, for purposes connected with the public schools, whenever recommended by the school committee, and for charitable purposes. For all other purposes there shall be a charge of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, as the selectmen may decide. The cost of services by the janitor shall in all cases be paid by the town.

ARTICLE XVI.

CEMETERIES.

SECTION 1. A Board of Cemetery Trustees, consisting of three persons, is hereby established, which shall be chosen at an annual meeting, or at a meeting especially called for the purpose, to serve, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Thereafter one trustee to be chosen annually for three years.

SECT. 2. Said board shall have charge and management of all the public cemeteries and burial places of the town; shall be empowered to sell lots and give deeds for the same, in the name of the town; to enforce the laws and regulations governing them, and report their doings at the annual town meeting.

SECT. 3. Lots in the cemeteries of Hamilton shall be used only as burial places for the dead. All burials therein shall be subject to the regulations established, or that shall be established, by the Town of Hamilton, or any Board of Cemetery Commissioners chosen by the town; and said town, or said commissioners with the approval of said town, shall have the power at any time to establish or alter its regulations respecting the same.

SECT. 4. Owners of lots, their heirs or assigns, shall have the right to erect stones, monuments and other sepulchral structures thereon, and to cultivate thereon trees, shrubs and plants, subject, however, to the regulations aforesaid; but no tree shall be removed without the consent of the cemetery commissioners.

SECT. 5. If any tree, tree shrub or plant, in any lot, by reason of its roots or branches, shall, in the opinion of the commissioners, become detrimental to any adjacent lot, walk or avenue, such tree, plant or shrub may be removed at any time by the commissioners aforesaid.

SECT. 6. If any fence, monument or structure whatsoever, or any inscription, be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by a majority of the inhabitants of said town voting upon the subject at any legal town meeting to be offensive or improper, the said inhabitants, at said meeting, or at any other legal meeting, may order such fence, monument, structure or inscription to be removed, and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to forthwith remove the same.

SECT. 7. Owners of lots, their heirs or assigns, shall forever keep in repair, at their own expense, the landmarks at the corners of said lots.

SECT. 8. No tomb shall be constructed in or upon any lot or lots in said cemeteries without the consent and supervision of the cemetery commissioners.

SECT. 9. If at any time the owner or owners of any lot shall permit the same to become a nuisance to the cemetery in which it is located, through want of repair, or from any other cause, and such owner or owners shall neglect to abate the same for thirty days after having been served by the commissioners with a written

notice requiring them to do so, the said lot shall thereupon revert to the town.

SECT. 10. Owners of neglected lots shall be notified, in writing, of their condition, by the commissioners, whenever, in the judgment of said commissioners, such lots impair the general appearance of the cemetery; and in case of such neglect being continued ten days after the expiration of said notice said commissioners may, in their discretion, put such lots in order at the expense of the owner or owners thereof; and the said commissioners may recover, for the use of the town, the amount thus expended, with cost, by an action on contract.

SECT. 11. No person shall be allowed to take any earth from any avenue, walk, lot or other part of the cemeteries without permission from the commissioners.

SECT. 12. The grading of all lots shall be done under the supervision of the commissioners.

SECT. 13. The town will accept and forever hold in trust any money or securities which may hereafter be deposited with the town treasurer for the perpetual preservation, care, improvement or embellishment of any public or private burial place, or any lot or grave therein. The town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any, accompanying them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the selectmen and commissioners and pay the income therefrom upon their order or with their approval.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES.

SECTION 1. The selectmen shall have the exclusive authority to permit the erection and maintenance of telegraph, telephone and other lines of electric wires within the town. Whenever an application is made for a location of any such lines, the selectmen may issue to the party applying therefor a certificate which shall specifically designate the streets where the lines may run, the kind of poles, the height at which all wires must be placed and the dimensions and locations of the underground conduit, if said lines or any part thereof shall be laid underground.

SECT. 2. All companies, corporations and persons to whom is granted permission to erect poles and fixtures and to maintain

electric wires shall before proceeding to act thereunder execute an agreement in writing satisfactory to the selectmen, agreeing to accept location and conditions of granting same and to save the town harmless from any and all claims whatsoever by whomsoever made, for damages, costs, expenses, charges, or compensation for or on account of, or in any way growing out of erection, maintenance or use of said poles, fixtures or wires. Said agreement, after its approval by the selectmen, shall be filed with the town clerk, and no certificate of such permit shall be issued until said agreement is so filed.

SECT. 3. All permits granted and any permission given to any company, corporation or person to erect or maintain any such wires or posts shall be upon condition that the same be altered or changed at any time by the selectmen, after fourteen days notice and opportunity to be heard shall have been given to the parties interested, and also that any such wires or posts may be temporarily altered or changed by the selectmen, from time to time, after one day's notice in writing, in case of public necessity, at the expense of the company owning said wires or posts, without liability on the part of the town therefor; in case any location in any street shall be altered, a substitute location in the same, or some other street, that will in the opinion of said board accommodate the service, shall be granted in a manner aforesaid.

SECT. 4. Every company, corporation or person erecting, maintaining or using such poles, wires or other apparatus, shall indemnify and save harmless the Town of Hamilton, its officers, servants and agents from and against all lawful claims and demands for injuries to person or property occasioned by the maintenance and operation of such poles, wires or apparatus or the transmission of its electric currents by means thereof; and the agents and officers of the town exercising the rights and powers given or reserved herein shall not be held liable to such company, corporation or person on account thereof, or by reason of any injury caused thereby.

SECT. 5. No telegraph, telephone or electric lines shall be erected or maintained until the owner thereof shall file with the selectmen a written agreement accepting and promising to abide

by and perform all the conditions and provisions of these regulations and all orders, rules, regulations and amendments hereafter made in addition thereto.

SECT. 6. All posts for telegraphs, telephone or electric lines shall be straight, properly trimmed and painted to the satisfaction and acceptance of the selectmen; shall not be less than twenty-five feet in height from the ground; shall be of iron, cedar, hard pine or chestnut, and, if of wood, not less than six inches in diameter at the smaller end, and ten inches in diameter at the ground. Such posts shall be properly set in the ground to a depth of at least five feet and shall be octagonal in shape whenever the selectmen shall so require; and the name of the company, corporation or person owning the pole shall be distinctly painted on the cross-bars used and occupied by such company, corporation or person. Whenever any power line shall cross any street or way, it shall be at a height not less than twenty-five feet above such street or way, and be protected by proper guard wires, and when practicable cross at right angles.

SECT. 7. On streets where curbing stones are set, all poles shall be erected inside the line of curbing, unless otherwise specified, and all streets where there is no curbing the poles shall be erected so as not to interfere with the gutters; and no pole shall be placed within fifteen feet of any hydrant, nor so as to interfere with any water pipe, shade tree, driveway or intersection of streets.

SECT. 8. Any member of the fire department or other officer of the town may cut, disconnect, or remove the wires of any company, corporation or person in case of fire in a building, when such wires interfere with the operation of the firemen, or the extinguishment of the fire or access to or egress from such building, and the town shall not be liable for any expense or damages on account of such cutting, disconnecting or removal.

SECT. 9. When an opening is made in a street for any purpose aforesaid, the portion of the street so opened shall immediately be restored to a condition satisfactory to the selectmen, and shall be kept in such condition for one year thereafter; and if not so restored and maintained by the company, corporation or per-

son performing the work, the said selectmen shall cause the same to be done at the expense of such company, corporation or person.

SECT. 10. No person shall for the purpose of placing or maintaining wires or lines on posts, or for any other purposes connected with the construction or maintenance of telegraph or other electric lines, climb any tree by the use of spurs, or of any instrument which shall pierce such tree, or shall in any way injure, pierce, tear, cut, deface or destroy any tree or branch of a tree or any shrub or other plant, or fixture of ornament or utility in any street, road, way or public place of said town; and no company, corporation or person shall attach any crossbar or any other fixture to any tree without first obtaining the written consent of the selectmen.

SECT. 11. No placard, bills or other advertising matter shall be posted on any pole located by the selectmen for the support of electrical wires, and it is hereby made the duty of the company, corporation or person owning such pole to immediately remove any such placard, bill or advertising matter found thereon. Any person violating any of the provisions of this order shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

SECT. 12. The company, corporation or person authorized to erect and maintain posts or electric lines shall not suffer or permit any other company, corporation or person except its or his own agents or employees, or the agents or employees of the town, to place wires upon the posts or upon fixtures thereto affixed, without permission being first obtained from the selectmen, and no post after being located and erected shall be removed without the written permission of the board of selectmen and under their direction.

SECT. 13. No permission to erect a pole for the support of any electric wires, or for the construction of underground conduits, shall be granted until after a public hearing shall have been given by the selectmen on the application for such permission after at least seven days notice of such hearing, duly advertised at the expense of the applicant in one or more local newspapers.

SECT. 14. In addition to the agreement hereinbefore men-

tioned, the company, corporation or person owning or operating a line of wires over streets or buildings in the town shall, before a street is disturbed for running of its wires or conduits, execute a bond in form satisfactory to the selectmen, with sureties to be approved by them and filed in the office of the town clerk, in a penal sum of not less than two thousand dollars conditioned to fulfil all its agreements with the town and its duties under these regulations and all regulations in addition thereto or in amendment thereof; and to execute a new bond of like import at any time when required by the board of selectmen, which new bond shall be a strengthening, unless the surety or sureties on former bonds are expressly released from further liability by the vote of said board.

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER I.

STREETS.

SECTION 1. No person, unless authorized by law, shall erect on any street in the town any staging for building, or place thereon any lumber, brick or other building materials without a written license from the selectmen. Any person intending to erect or repair any building upon land abutting upon a street shall give notice to the selectmen, who may, at the owner's request, set apart such portion of the street as they may deem expedient for such use. Such person shall, before the expiration of his license, remove all rubbish and restore such street to its former condition, to the satisfaction of the selectmen; and every person who, when so licensed, shall obstruct or render unsafe any public street or sidewalk, shall guard the same by a proper fence or railing and by lights during the night time in such manner as the selectmen shall approve.

SECT. 2. If any person shall dig a cellar or other cavity in the ground near to or adjoining any street, he shall, so long as the

selectmen may require, keep a railing or fence on or near the line of such street, sufficient to protect travelers from falling into the place so dug, or being injured thereby.

SECT. 3. No person shall place or maintain over any street or sidewalk any sign, awning, shade or other obstruction unless the same is safely and securely supported and not less than eight feet from the ground at its lowest part, and such awning, if built over a sidewalk, shall extend as far as the outside thereof. No person shall erect or maintain a post in any street or sidewalk for the support of an awning or for any other purpose without permission from the selectmen.

SECT. 4. No person shall suffer his building to shed water upon any street or sidewalk in the town, to the injury or inconvenience of passengers, nor allow any sink water or other impure water to run from the house, barn or lot occupied by him or under his control, into any highway or public place.

SECT. 5. No person shall place or cause to be placed or deposited upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place in the town, merchandise, ashes, shavings, house dirt, filth, offal, rubbish, or any other materials which shall in any way obstruct or disfigure the same, nor suffer his wood or coal to remain unnecessarily on the street or sidewalk. And no person shall, without license from the selectmen, distribute on any of the public streets or grounds of the town any handbills, advertising cards, flyers, or other printed slips of paper for advertising purposes, to persons passing upon the said streets or grounds; nor shall any person place or cause to be placed any such material in or upon such streets or grounds in such way as to annoy any persons passing thereon, or obstruct or disfigure said streets or grounds.

SECT. 6. No person shall place or keep any table, stall, booth or other structure in any street or sidewalk, nor place or keep the same in any of the public grounds of the town for the sale of fruit or other things without permission of the selectmen.

SECT. 7. No person shall cut down, dig up, climb, peel, cut, deface or injure any ornamental or shade tree, shrub or vine, growing in any of the streets or sidewalks or public grounds of the town, without a permit, in writing, from the board of officers

having such street or public grounds in charge; and no person shall tie or fasten any horse, mule or team of any kind to any ornamental or shade tree, shrub or vine, or to any fence or other structure erected for the protection of such tree, shrub or vine, in any street or public place in the town, or in any way injure or deface the same.

SECT. 8. No person, being the owner, keeper, or having the custody of any horse, cow or other animal, shall permit or suffer the same to pasture, with or without a keeper, upon any street, sidewalk or any public ground in the town, or go at large therein, nor suffer such horse, cow or other animal to go, be or to remain upon any sidewalk in the town.

SECT. 9. No person shall stop with any team or carriage across any street in the town in such manner as to hinder or obstruct the travel over such street, nor at the side of or so near another team as to obstruct public travel.

SECT. 10. No person shall ride or drive any horse or horses, or cause them to be ridden or driven, whether attached to any carriage or not, through any of the streets of the town faster than a rate of ten miles an hour.

SECT. 11. No person shall drive any horse, cart or carriage, or other vehicle, or ride any horse, bicycle or tricycle, on the sidewalk of any street of the town, except for the purpose of crossing such sidewalk in order to go into or out of some adjoining enclosure, provided that this section shall not apply to children or invalid's carriages propelled by hand. No person shall ride any bicycle or tricycle at any time in any street of this town at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles per hour.

SECT. 12. No person shall coast or slide down, across or along any of the streets or sidewalks of the town, upon any sled, board or otherwise, except in such places and under such restrictions as the board of selectmen may designate and require.

SECT. 13. No person shall be or remain upon any sidewalk or street, or upon any doorstep or other projection from any dwelling house or other building within the town, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or shall obstruct any passage to the same or

the appurtenance thereto ; and any person so being or remaining as aforesaid, when ordered by any constable, police officer or watchman, or by the owner or occupant of such dwelling house or other building, shall immediately and peaceably depart and stay away therefrom.

SECT. 14. No person shall wilfully injure, mar, deface or destroy any fence, signboard, guideboard, awning, lamppost, lamp or lantern in any street or public place in the town, and no person shall light or extinguish any lamp in any street or public place except by virtue of a contract with the town or permission from the selectmen.

SECT. 15. No person shall in any way injure any drinking fountain or watering-trough in the streets and public grounds of the town, nor throw or place any substance into the same.

SECT. 16. No person shall make, write or print or post any indecent or obscene marks, words, figures or signs upon any fence, building, post, tree or other object exposed to public view, nor, without a license from the selectmen first obtained, post any placards, show-cards, handbills or posters upon any tree, fence, post or building within any street or public place in the town, or upon any building, structure or lands belonging to the town.

SECT. 17. No person shall walk, stand or lounge upon any portion of any street or public grounds of the town especially prepared and devoted by the officers in charge to the growing of grass or flowers, nor in any way dig up, injure or deface said street, public ground, grass and flowers.

SECT. 18. No person shall behave himself in a rude or disorderly manner, nor use indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, public ground or public building in the town, nor be or remain upon any doorstep, portico or other projection from any such building, nor in any church, meeting-house, public hall or entrance thereto to the annoyance or disturbance of any person ; nor shall any person wilfully frighten any horse or other animal nor engage in any game, sport or amusement in any street of the town, whereby the free, safe and convenient use thereof by travelers thereon shall in any way be

interrupted or the occupants of adjoining estates unreasonably annoyed and disturbed.

SECT. 19. In case of fire the fire department, its officers and members, with their horses, machine and equipment, shall have the right of way in the public streets and ways of the town as against all other persons, vehicles or animals, and no person shall hinder or obstruct them in the free passage therein, nor drive over any hose belonging to the fire department with any carriage or other vehicle, or remove, injure or in any manner disturb the members thereof, their horses, machines, hose or equipment, when stationed, located or laid in any such street, except under direction of the officer in command.

SECT. 20. No person shall move any building through any street in the town unless by authority of a license from the selectmen and under such restrictions as they may see fit to prescribe.

SECT. 21. No person shall fire or discharge any gun or pistol, airgun or other firearm in or across any of the streets or public places within the town; but this section shall not apply to the use of such weapon at any military exercise or review, under the authority of a commissioned officer of the militia, nor in the lawful defence of the person, family or property of any citizen, or in the performance of any duty required by law, nor to any person firing a salute by leave of the board of selectmen.

SECT. 22. No person shall make any bonfire or other fire in any of the streets, avenues or public ways of the town without the permission of the selectmen or superintendent of streets.

SECT. 23. Whenever the word street or streets is used in this chapter it shall be understood as meaning to include lanes, alleys, courts, public squares and sidewalks, unless otherwise expressed.

SECT. 24. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

ACTS OF 1902

CHAP. 315.

An Act to regulate the speed and operation of Automobiles and Motor Vehicles on highways.

SECTION 1. No automobile or other motor vehicle shall be run on any public highway outside the limits of a city, fire district or thickly settled or business part of a town at a speed exceeding fifteen miles an hour, and no such vehicle shall be run on any public way within the limits of a city, fire district or of any thickly settled or business part of a town at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour.

SECT. 2. Every person having control or charge of a motor vehicle or automobile shall, whenever upon a public street or way and approaching any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses, or any horse upon which any person is riding, operate, manage and control such motor vehicle or automobile in such manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of any such horse or horses and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. And if such horse or horses appear frightened, the person in control of such motor vehicle shall reduce its speed, and if requested by signal or otherwise by the driver of such horse or horses shall not proceed farther towards such animal unless such movement be necessary to avoid accident or injury or until such animal appears to be under the control of its rider or driver.

SECT. 3. Upon approaching a crossing of intersecting ways, and also in traversing the crossing or intersection, the person in control of a motor vehicle shall run it at a rate of speed less than that above specified, and not greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and the use of the intersecting ways.

SECT. 4. The term "motor vehicle" in this act shall include all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, excepting railroad and railway cars and motor vehicles running only upon rails or tracks.

SECT. 5. Any person violating any provision of this act shall be punished for each offence by a fine not exceeding two hun-

dred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage. (Approved April 17, 1902.)

CHAP. 54.

Of the Law of the Road.

SECT. 26. (Sect. 1.) When persons meet on a bridge or way, travelling with carriages, wagons, carts, sleds, sleighs, bicycles or other vehicles, each shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the travelled part of such bridge or way, so that their respective carriages or other vehicles may pass without interference.

(Sect. 2.) The driver of a carriage or other vehicle passing a carriage or other vehicle travelling in the same direction shall drive to the left of the middle of the travelled part of a bridge or way; and if it is of sufficient width for the two vehicles to pass, the driver of the leading one shall not wilfully obstruct the other.

(Sect. 3.) No person shall travel on a bridge or way with a sleigh or sled drawn by a horse, unless there are at least three bells attached to some part of the harness.

(Sect. 4.) Whoever violates the provisions of this chapter shall, upon complaint made within three months after the commission of the offence, forfeit not more than twenty dollars, and be liable in an action commenced within twelve months after the date of said violation for all damages caused thereby.

CHAPTER II.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

SECTION 1. If the board of health shall at any time be satisfied that any tenement, used as a dwelling-house, is not provided with a suitable privy, vault and drain, or either of them, as aforesaid, it shall give notice in writing to the owner, agent, occupant or other person having the care thereof; and in case of neglect or refusal to obey such notice the board of health shall cause such privy, vault and drain, or either of them, to be made for such tenement or other building, at the expense of such owner, agent,

occupant or other person ; and in case any such drain, vault or privy is constructed as aforesaid for the use of more than one house, then the owner, agent, occupant or other person having the charge of each of such houses shall be liable to pay a proportional part of such expense.

SECT. 2. Whenever any vault, privy or drain becomes offensive or obstructed the same shall be cleansed and made free, and the owner, agent, occupant or other person having charge of the land in which any vault, privy or drain is situated, the state or condition of which is in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, shall remove, cleanse, alter, amend or repair the same within such reasonable time after notice in writing to that effect given by the board of health as shall be expressed in such notice. In case of neglect or refusal so to do, the board of health may cause the same to be removed, altered, amended or repaired as they may deem expedient, at the expense of the owner, agent, occupant or other person aforesaid.

SECT. 3. No cesspool, vault or privy situated within one hundred feet of any town-way or public building shall be emptied in any mode or at any other time than the board of health may direct and appoint, subject to such regulations as the board from time to time shall make on the subject, the work referred to to be done at the expense of the owner, agent, occupant or other person having charge of the tenement in which such vault is situated.

SECT. 4. No person shall remove or carry in or through any of the streets, squares, courts, lanes, avenues, places or alleys within the town of Hamilton any house dirt or house offal, either animal or vegetable, or any refuse substance from any of the dwelling-houses or other places in the town unless such person so removing or carrying the same shall have been expressly licensed by the board of health, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem the health and interest of the town require, and the mode in which the same will be moved or carried shall have been expressly prescribed by said board.

SEC. 5. No person shall keep any swine within a distance of fifty feet of any public way or place or within a distance of one

hundred feet of any dwelling-house not his own, or within a distance of twenty-five feet of his own dwelling-house, without a permit of the board of health previously obtained.

SECT. 6. No person shall put or suffer to accumulate on his premises any refuse, animal or vegetable matter, rubbish or filth, whereby any offensive or noxious stench or effluvia shall be created and the health or comfort of the citizens be injuriously affected, or shall throw any such substance into the streams or brooks of the town not laid out by the town as common sewers, or shall allow the contents of any vault or house-drain or the refuse of manufacturing or slaughtering process to drain into such streams or brooks.

SECT. 7. No person shall throw or suffer to fall into any common sewer in the town or into any inlet of the same, any dead animal, stones, brick, sticks or other substances likely to obstruct the flow of water in the same, and no person shall allow his vault or house-drain to drain into any sewer without first obtaining from the proper authorities the permission so to do.

SECT. 8. No person without the license of the board of health shall throw into or leave in or upon any street, court, square, lane, alley, public square, public enclosure, vacant lot or any pond or body of water within the limits of the town, any dead animal, dirt, sawdust, soot, ashes, cinders, shavings, hair, shreds, manure, oyster, clam or lobster shells, waste water, rubbish or filth of any kind, or any refuse animal or vegetable matter whatsoever.

SECT. 9. No person shall bring into town any decayed or damaged grain, rice, coffee, fruit, potatoes or other vegetable product, or any tainted or damaged meat or fish, without a permit therefor, from and in such a manner only as directed by the board of health.

SECT. 10. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter, or who shall refuse or neglect to obey any order of the board of health duly issued under these by-laws, and directed to him, properly served upon him, shall, in cases not otherwise provided for, forfeit and pay for each offence a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

CHAP. 78.

An Act relative to the Burial of Human Bodies.

SECTION 1. (Sect. 38.) No undertaker or other person shall bury a human body in a city or town, or remove therefrom a human body which has not been buried, except as provided in the following section, until he has received a permit from the board of health or its agent appointed to issue such permits, or if there is no such board, from the clerk of the city or town in which the person died; and no undertaker or other person shall exhume a human body and remove it from a city or town, or from one cemetery to another, until he has received a permit from the board of health or its agent aforesaid or from the clerk of the city or town in which the body is buried.

No such permit shall be issued until there shall have been delivered to such board, agent or clerk, as the case may be, a satisfactory written statement containing the facts required by law to be returned and recorded, which statement, in case of an original interment, shall be accompanied by a satisfactory certificate of the attending physician, if any, as required by law, or in lieu thereof a certificate as hereinafter provided. If there is no attending physician, or if, for sufficient reasons, his certificate cannot be obtained early enough for the purpose, or is insufficient, the chairman of the board of health, if a physician, or any physician employed by said board or by the selectmen for the purpose, shall upon application make such certificate as is required of the attending physician. If death is caused by violence, the medical examiner only shall make such certificate.

The board of health or its agent, upon receipt of such statement and certificate, shall forthwith countersign and transmit it to the clerk of the city or town for registration. The person to whom the permit is so given and the physician who certifies to the cause of death shall thereafter furnish for registration any other necessary information which can be obtained as to the deceased, or as to the manner or cause of the death, which the clerk or register may require.

SECT. 2. (Sect. 39.) No undertaker or other person shall bury in a city or town a human body or the ashes thereof which

have been brought into this commonwealth until he has received a permit so to do from the board of health or its agent appointed to issue such permits, or if there is no such board, from the clerk of the city or town in which the body is to be buried or the funeral is to be held, or from a person appointed to have the care of the cemetery or burial ground in which the interment is made, if a record is kept of the names of all persons buried therein, or from a duly appointed superintendent of burials in such city or town who keeps a record of interment.

Such permit shall not be issued until the undertaker or other person has delivered a certificate to said board, agent, clerk, superintendent or person having such care, giving the name of the deceased, his age as nearly as can be ascertained, the cause of death, the name of the city or town in which he last resided or from which the body was brought, or, if the death occurred at sea, the name of the vessel upon which it occurred, and any other facts required for record which could be obtained with reasonable exertion. The board of health or its agent or the superintendent or person having such care shall, upon receipt of such certificate, forthwith countersign and transmit it to the city or town clerk; and if the deceased was a resident of said city or town, the clerk shall record the same in the books kept for recording deaths; but if the deceased was at the time of his death a resident of any other city or town within this Commonwealth, said clerk shall forthwith forward to the clerk thereof a copy of such certificate, who shall record the same.

SECT 3. (Sect. 40.) No person having the care of a cemetery or burial ground shall permit a human body to be buried therein, or such body or the ashes thereof to be removed therefrom, until the permit for such burial or removal has been delivered to him, nor permit the ashes of a human body to be buried therein until there has been delivered to him a certificate that the burial permit and the certificate of the medical examiner prerequisite to the cremating of said body have been duly presented.

SECT 4. (Sect. 41.) An undertaker shall not bury the ashes of a human body until he has received from the person having the charge of the crematory a certificate that the burial permit

and the certificate of the medical examiner prerequisite to the cremating of said body have been duly presented.

SECT. 5. (Sect. 42.) Whoever violates any of the provisions of the four preceding sections shall forfeit not more than fifty dollars.

SECT. 6. (Sect. 43.) No common carrier or other person shall convey or cause to be conveyed through or from any city or town in this Commonwealth, the body of any person who has died of small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria or typhus fever until such body has been so encased and prepared as to preclude any danger of contagion or infection by its transportation; and no city or town clerk or agent of the board of health shall give a permit for the removal of such body until he has received from the board of health of the city or from the selectmen of the town in which the death occurred a certificate stating the cause of death and that said body has been prepared in the manner prescribed in this section, which certificate shall be delivered to the agent or person who receives the body.

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars.

SECT. 7. (Sect. 44.) The board of health of cities and towns shall annually, on or before the first day of May, license a suitable number of undertakers who can read and write the English language. Such license shall be issued upon such terms and conditions as the board of health may prescribe and may be revoked at any time by the board if its terms or conditions or any requirements of law relative thereto have been violated by the undertaker. An undertaker who has been so licensed may act in any city or town.

CHAPTER III.

CEMETERIES.

SECTION 1. No person shall inter, or cause to be interred, any dead body in a grave less than three feet deep from the surface of the ground surrounding the grave to the top of the coffin.

SECT. 2. No person shall bury or inter, or cause to be buried or interred, any dead body at any other time of the day except

between sun rising and sun setting except by permission of board of health.

SECT. 3. All persons are prohibited from gathering any flowers, either wild or cultivated, or removing, breaking, cutting or marking any tree or shrub or plant not belonging to their lot.

SECT. 4. All persons are prohibited from climbing over, writing upon, defacing or injuring any monument, gravestone, fence or other structure in or belonging to the cemetery.

SECT. 5. All persons are prohibited from discharging firearms of any description in the cemetery, and from attempting in any manner to destroy or annoy the birds.

SECT. 6. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

CHAPTER IV.

CHAP. 212.

SECTION 7. (Sect. 66.) Whoever wilfully destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures or removes a tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or thing placed or designed for a memorial of the dead, or a fence, railing, curb or other thing intended for the protection or ornament of a tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure before mentioned, or of an enclosure for the burial of the dead, or wilfully destroys, mutilates, removes, cuts, breaks or injures a tree, shrub or plant placed or being within such enclosure, or wantonly or maliciously disturbs the contents of a tomb or grave, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail or house of correction not exceeding three years.

SECT. 8. (Sect. 67.) Whoever wrongfully, and by any act not included in the provisions of the preceding section, destroys, injures or removes a building, fence, railing or other thing lawfully erected in or around a place of burial or cemetery, or a tree, shrub or plant situate within its limits, or wrongfully injures a walk or path, or places rubbish or offensive matter, or commits a nuisance therein, or in any way desecrates or disfigures the same, shall forfeit for every such offence not less than five nor more than one

hundred dollars. Upon trial of a prosecution for the recovery of such penalty, use and occupation for the purposes of burial shall be deemed sufficient evidence of title.

Regulating the Dealing and Keeping of Junk.

SECTION 1. The selectmen or a majority of them may grant licenses to such persons as to them may appear proper and suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second-hand articles.

SECT. 2. Every dealer and keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second-hand articles, shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of the purchase of any such article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour when such purchase was made; and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the selectmen or any police officer or constable of the town. Every dealer or keeper of such shop shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place on his wagon or shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters, and such wagon and shop and all articles of merchandise therein may be at all times examined by the selectmen or officer or constable of the town.

No dealer or keeper of such wagon or shop shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange, any of the articles aforesaid of a minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such. No article purchased or received shall be sold until at least one week from date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed.

SECT. 3. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

CHAPTER V.

General Explosives.

SECTION 1. No person shall keep or have in his possession any explosive other than gunpowder in any place or building within thirty rods of any dwelling house, or within fifteen rods of

any other building, and no person shall keep or have in his possession any such explosive in quantities of more than one hundred pounds at any place within the settled limits of the town. But the selectmen may grant licenses for the sale and keeping of such explosives, in quantities of not more than fifty pounds, provided the same shall be kept at all times in a metallic case to be located in such part of the licensed premises that it may be easily found and removed in case of fire ; and the location shall be determined or approved by the board of fire engineers, and the selectmen may grant licenses for the erection and maintenance of magazines for the storage of explosives in such locations and of such material as they may deem safe.

Gunpowder.

SECT. 2. No person shall keep in any shop, store or other building within the town, which shall be within the distance of twenty-five rods from any other building, more than fifty pounds of gunpowder, the same to be secured in tight casks or canisters. No person shall keep in any shop, store or other building within the town, within ten rods of any other building, more than twenty-five pounds of gunpowder, and no person shall keep any gunpowder in any place within the town unless the same is well secured in copper, tin or brass canisters holding not more than five pounds each and closely covered with copper, brass or tin covers.

Nitro-Glycerine.

SECT. 3. No person shall keep or have in his possession any nitro-glycerine within thirty rods of any dwelling house, or in any place or building within fifteen rods of another building within the town without a license from the selectmen setting forth the manner, place and maximum quantity in which it shall be kept.

SECT. 4. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

CHAPTER VI.

TRUANCY.

SECTION 1. The Town of Hamilton hereby avails itself of the

several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth, now in force, relative to habitual absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby adopts the following by-laws:—

SECT. 2. All children between the ages of seven and sixteen years residing in said town and who may be found wandering about the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Essex County School for confinement, instruction and discipline.

SECT. 3. One or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant laws and laws relating to compulsory education, and to do all acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools and the citizens in general to aid the truant officer as far as possible in the discharge of his duties.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officer to keep a full record of all his official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their report.

SECT. 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and preserve good order and discipline.

CHAPTER VII.

TRAMPS.

SECTION 1. The Town of Hamilton hereby avails itself of the following provisions of the revised laws, and shall enforce the same:—

Revised Laws.

SECT. 2. (Sect. 56.) Whoever, not being a minor under seventeen years of age, a blind person or a person asking charity within his own city or town, roves about from place to place begging, or living without labor or visible means of support, shall be deemed a tramp. An act of begging or soliciting alms, whether of money, food, lodging or clothing, by a person having no residence in the town within which the act is committed, or the riding upon a freight train of a railroad, whether within or without any car or part thereof, without a permit from the proper officers or employees of such railroad or train, shall be prime facie evidence that such a person is a tramp.

SECT. 3. (Sect. 57.) A tramp shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than six months nor more than two years, or by imprisonment at the state farm; and if he enters a dwelling house or other building without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or wilfully or maliciously injures or threatens to injure any person therein, or threatens to do any injury to any person or to the property of another, or is found carrying a firearm or other dangerous weapon, he shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not less than one year nor more than five years, or at the farm.

SECT. 4. (Sect. 58.) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer, upon view or information of an offence described in the two preceding sections may, without a warrant, arrest the offender and make complaint against him therefor; and the district police shall make such arrests and complaints. Mayors of cities and selectmen of towns shall appoint special officers who shall also make such arrests and complaints in their respective cities and towns.

The following Acts of the Legislature have been adopted by the town:—

March 10, 1891, voted to accept Chapter 347, Acts of the Legislature of 1890, entitled, "An Act to promote the establishment and efficiency of Free Public Libraries."

March 11, 1902, voted to accept Chapter 122, Acts of the

Legislature of 1902, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Town of Hamilton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water."

March 11, 1902, voted to accept Chapter 78, Revised Laws, Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, in relation to a Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

All Orders and By-Laws heretofore adopted are hereby repealed.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
EVERETT A. SMITH,
GEO. K. KNOWLTON,
GEO. M. ELLIS,
CHARLES H. PERKINS,
Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMILTON
1902-1903



BEVERLY, MASS.:
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1903

School Committee's Report

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton, 1902-1903 :—

ORGANIZATION

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1904
EVERETT A. SMITH, Secretary,	“ “ 1905
Rev. JESSE G. NICHOLS, Purchasing Agent,	“ “ 1903
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD, Truant Officer.	

Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Closed Feb. 20, 1903)

Amount appropriated by the town for schools,	\$4,700 00	
Tuition High school pupils,	1,296 00	
Transportation of scholars,	650 00	
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Town appropriation,		\$6,646 00
Dog licenses,		327 00
Mass. School Fund,		376 34
Balance Mass. School Fund from 1902,		388 08
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		\$7,737 42
Paid for teachers,	\$2,847 15	
fuel,	251 66	
care of houses,	410 50	
text books and supplies,	515 91	
miscellaneous,	700 20	
	<hr/>	\$4,725 42

ACCOUNT MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND

Amount received,	\$376 34	
Balance from 1902,	388 08	
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	764 42	
Paid teachers,	667 92	
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Balance unexpended and carried over to 1903-4,		\$96 50

PAID TEACHERS

Miss Adelaide A. Keith,	\$ 36 00	
“ Mary E. Batchelder,	452 00	
“ Effie M. Cheney,	286 00	
“ Klara J. Olsson,	250 00	
“ Nellie G. Cutting,	300 00	
“ Eva C. Sanborn,	385 50	
“ Carrie E. Robie,	380 00	
Mrs. Grace C. Stone,	380 00	
Mr. Nathan A. Gates,	189 48	
Miss Effie E. Beal,	363 17	
“ Valona L. Sprague,	10 00	
Mrs. R. Brown,	20 00	
“ Grace W. Story,	10 00	
Miss Annie W. Chase,	110 00	
“ Mary F. Mead,	120 00	
“ Nellie A. Kinsman,	80 00	
Mrs. M. Eva Robinson,	142 92	
	<hr/>	\$3,515 07

PAID FOR FUEL

The Pickett Coal Co.,	\$42 69	
Charles S. Gwinn,	113 17	
Sprague, Breed & Brown Co.,	22 05	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	32 00	
Jonathan Lamson,	33 75	
M. K. Patch,	8 00	
John C. Sauer,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$258 16

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES

Fred C. Shaller,	South school,	\$330 00	
Mrs. E. A. Day,	East	18 00	
Leverett L. Durkee,	North	12 75	
J. F. McGregor,	" "	8 50	
Mrs. J. Hart,	West	21 25	
C. E. Gwinn,	Centre	15 00	
John Harrington,	" "	5 00	
		<hr/>	\$410 50

PAID FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$202 68	
American Book Co.,	77 34	
Ginn & Co.,	110 12	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	51 15	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	25 50	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	42 00	
Oliver Ditson Co.,	2 47	
Beverly Citizen Co.,	2 15	
The Hammond Typewriter Co.,	2 50	
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		\$515 91

MISCELLANEOUS

Otis F. Brown, writing diplomas,	\$ 1 00	
Citizen Printing Co.,	11 45	
B. W. Adams, setting trees,	2 50	
James F. Dean, repairing stoves,	3 65	
Geo. W. Fitz, repairing pump, South school,	3 60	
W. N. Sawyer, repairs in boiler room South school,	4 50	
Lucy Channel, cleaning Centre schoolhouse,	5 50	
John C. Sauer, grading South school yard,	12 60	
William A. Smith,	20 50	
F. E. Burnham, mason work, Centre school,	17 89	
Chandler Desk Works, desks and blackboards,	106 53	
Amount forward,	<hr/>	187 72
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		\$1,104 13

Amount forward,	\$187 72	
F. C. Shaller, supplies for boiler room,	8 82	
A. C. Cummings, carriage and expressage,	18 67	
C. E. Whipple, grading Centre school yard,	30 00	
H. E. Andrews, telephone messages,	90	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, schoolroom supplies,	5 00	
Dr. S. E. Thayer, professional services in Berry case,	10 00	
Frank R. Shaller, repairing organ, and cash paid out,	6 00	
Mrs. James Pitman, cleaning North school- house,	3 00	
Mrs. A. F. Lougee, cleaning North school-house,	1 50	
S. Day, labor and expressage,	10 35	
Morss & White, wire guard, South school- house,	51 83	
C. A. Peterson, stock and labor on school- houses,	81 31	
J. F. Porter, stock and labor on schoolhouses,	6 75	
F. C. Norton, schoolroom supplies,	19 31	
Geo. C. Ryerson, glass and setting,	3 60	
A. B. Towle, repairs on flag pole,	3 00	
S. C. Gould, schoolroom supplies,	4 44	
Everett A. Smith, to Boston on account of teachers,	12 00	
Jesse G. Nichols, to Boston on account of teachers,	9 00	
Jesse G. Nichols, purchasing agent,	15 00	
“ “ “ expressage and cash paid out,	12 39	
Geo. K. Knowlton, to Boston for teachers and school furniture,	8 00	
“ “ taking school census,	10 00	
“ “ extra work, repairs and cash paid out,	23 30	
George T. Litchfield, truant officer,	2 50	
Andrew S. Thomson, superintendent of schools,	153 81	
	<hr/>	\$700 20

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriation for tuition of scholars,		\$1,296 00
Paid City of Beverly,	\$800 00	
City of Salem,	250 00	
Town of Ipswich,	96 00	
A. L. Whipple,	40 00	
John McCaughn,	40 00	
A. C. Dane,	40 00	
C. S. Gwinn,	40 00	
Annie S. Preston,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,346 00
Exceeding appropriation,		<hr/> \$50 00

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS

Boston & Maine Railroad Co.,	\$384 95	
Boston & Northern Street Ry. Co.,	95 00	
A. L. Whipple,	11 50	
John McCaughn,	5 50	
A. C. Dane,	5 50	
C. S. Gwinn,	5 50	
Annie S. Preston,	5 50	
Geo. M. Adams,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$531 45

GROSS RECEIPTS, FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriation for schools,	\$4,700 00	
Tuition High school pupils,	1,296 00	
Transportation of scholars,	650 00	
Dog licenses,	327 00	
Mass. school fund,	376 34	
Balance Mass. school fund from 1902,	388 08	
	<hr/>	\$7,737 42

GROSS EXPENSE FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES

Paid for teachers,	\$3,515 07	
fuel,	251 66	
care of houses,	410 50	
school supplies,	515 91	
miscellaneous,	700 20	
tuition High school scholars,	1,346 00	
transportation of scholars,	531 45	
	<hr/>	7,270 79
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$466 63

PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS

For the year ending June, 1903

BEVERLY

Tuition per pupil, \$50.00

Judson S. Bradstreet,	Paul R. Smith,
Bernice J. Andrews,	Gertrude K. Weston,
Hazel E. Weston,	Helen H. Dodge,
Clara E. Chandler,	Lillian A. McGlauffin,
Sylvia Robinson,	Douglas H. Knowlton,
George T. Copp,	Mabel L. Peterson,
Rua A. Chandler,	Myra A. Sawyer,
Charitta W. Vennard,	Clara D. Haraden,
Elsie M. Peterson,	Catherine J. McDonald,
Ernest S. Berry,	Wallace H. Knowlton,
Joseph L. Roberts,	Finlay D. McDonald,
George I. Dodge,	Harry W. Smith,
Lawrence H. Striley,	Arthur E. Radmore,
Ralph E. Hichens (first half of year).	

SALEM

Tuition per pupil, \$50.00

Henrietta F Andrews,	Louisa S. Preston,
Olive L. Whipple,	Laura M. Goodridge,
Lester M. Whipple.	

IPSWICH

Tuition per pupil, \$40.00

George H. Dodge,

Rodney H. Adams,

Randall E. Adams.

ESTIMATE FOR SCHOOLS

Following is an estimate of the amount of money that will be needed for all public school purposes for the year 1903-4.

The amount for our own schools is the same as last year, but for tuition for pupils attending High school it is \$424.00 more, thus increasing the total amount for this year. But as long as we do not have a High school of our own we must send our scholars out of town and pay their tuition, as provided for by State law.

Amount needed for our own schools,	\$4,700 00	
Amount needed for High school pupils,	1,720 00	
Amount needed for transportation of scholars,	650 00	
	<u> </u>	\$7,070 00

INSURANCE

Insurance on the South schoolhouse has been renewed as follows :

		Cost of Ins.
Insured in Northwestern National Ins. Co.,		
Milwaukee, Wis.,	\$4,000 00	\$102 00
Insured in Mercantile Fire and Marine		
Ins. Co., Boston, Mass.,	4,000 00	102 00
Amount of insurance and net cost,	<u>\$8,000 00</u>	<u>\$204 00</u>

Paid on order of selectmen.

The above insurance is for five years and will expire Feb. 3, 1908.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HAMILTON :

Gentlemen : I herewith submit my report as truant officer for the year. I have notified scholars five times to attend school, have notified parents three times to have their children attend school, and have taken two scholars from the golf ground to school. I have found the master of the golf grounds always ready to assist me by giving me notice whenever he thought there was anyone on the grounds who was playing truant.

Yours truly,

GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

HAMILTON, Feb. 20, 1903.

SCHOOL CENSUS

Whole number of children in town between

5 and 15 years of age, September 1,

1902,	Boys,	125	
	Girls,	128	
		<hr/>	253

Between 7 and 14 years of of age,

	Boys,	86	
	Girls,	91	
		<hr/>	177

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1902-1903

FALL TERM	WINTER TERM	SPRING TERM
1902	1902-1903	1903
Opens Sept. 2	Opens Dec. 1	Opens March 30
Closes Nov. 21	Closes March 13	Closes June 19
12 Weeks	14 Weeks	12 Weeks

FALL TERM	WINTER TERM
1903	1903-1904
Opens Sept. 8	Opens Nov. 30
Closes Nov. 20	Closes March 12
11 Weeks	15 Weeks
Christmas vacation Dec. 19 to 27 inclusive	

Since the last annual report of the committee was made a new arrangement for the supervision of our schools has been effected as required by a law of the state which compels all the smaller towns to form school districts, comprising not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty schools, for the purpose of employing a superintendent.

On the first day of last April members of the several school boards of the towns of Ipswich, Essex, Wenham and Hamilton, met at town hall, Ipswich, and formed a school district composed of said towns.

A permanent organization was effected by the selection of Mr. George W. Tozer, chairman, Mr. John H. Cogswell, secretary.

A sub-committee, composed of the chairman or the several school committees, was appointed to receive and examine all applications for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

A large number of applications were received and given careful consideration. From these a few candidates were selected and invited to appear before the full board, at a meeting to be held at Ipswich, April 22, when the sub-committee would make their report.

The four candidates invited attended the meeting and were given a thorough examination, and all were found to be fully qualified for the position. Selection was made of Mr. Andrew S. Thomson, who entered upon his official duties July 1, 1902.

No large expenditures have been made on the school buildings the past year.

Wire guards have been put on all the basement windows of the South schoolhouse to protect them from being injured by accident or carelessness of the scholars. Some gravel has also been placed in front of the entrance doors.

Slate blackboards have been put in the Centre, North and West schoolhouses, so that all our schools are now supplied with slate boards.

At the Centre school some mason work has been done and a drive way has been made in the school yard.

Several new desks have been put into the West school room for the use of young scholars.

The school buildings will not need any large amount of money laid out on them this year. Some of them will need to be painted another year.

For the work and condition of the schools the committee are pleased to refer to the report of the superintendent.

GEO. K. KNOWLTON,
EVERETT A. SMITH,
JESSE G. NICHOLS,

School Committee.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to submit to you and through you to the people of the town my first annual report as superintendent of schools.

In making a report of this kind it is my endeavor to state as accurately as possible the condition of the schools as to equipment and teaching force, also to suggest whatever will promote the efficiency of the work.

It is pleasant to report a very prosperous year in the schools. Throughout the year an excellent spirit has prevailed.

When the schools opened in September, I was glad to find them well organized and graded, with a teaching force able to do progressive work. My effort has been to perfect, as nearly as possible, the organization and to promote the work so well started. A course of study has been prepared and placed in the hands of the teachers. I have endeavored to make the standard of our grades equal to that in other towns of the State. This standard is slightly higher than it has been previously. Raising the standard becomes necessary owing to the increased demands of high schools.

At the present time colleges are demanding for admission a greater amount of work than formerly: this requires more of high schools, which, in turn, demand more of grammar schools. This increased requirement has caused some towns to make the high school course cover a period of five years, and others to put the ninth grade into the high school in the hope of doing enough better work to meet the requirement. This state of affairs puts the schools of Hamilton in a rather peculiar position. At present Beverly takes the pupils of our ninth grade and puts them into its ninth grade, which is a part of its high school. Thus it takes our pupils one year longer to go through the grammar and high schools than it does pupils of Beverly. Salem offers a five year's course, but makes it possible for pupils who are well prepared to

finish the course in four years. One of two things should be done in Hamilton. We should either send from our eighth grade to Beverly, or do sufficient work in our ninth grade to enable our pupils to complete the Salem High School course in four years. Of these two opinions the latter would seem to me the better. If we should shorten our grammar course to eight grades a good many pupils would stop school at the end of that course: thus a year's schooling which they very much need would be lost to them. Moreover with only eight years in school many pupils are too young to go out of town to school; therefore it would be better for them to remain in the town schools for another year. Should this plan be determined upon it will not be possible for one teacher to do all the work of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. An assistant will be needed in the grammar room of the South school. It will be no more expensive to keep the pupils in town, as the cost of the increased teaching force will be more than offset by the tuition in the high schools.

The West, Centre and East buildings have been provided with slate black-boards, which are a great benefit to these schools. The West school could be still further improved by painting and tinting the walls and by replacing the old double seats and desks with new adjustable ones. The old desks are noisy and very uncomfortable. It is difficult and dangerous for a young person whose bones are flexible to sit in a seat where the feet scarcely touch the floor. This is the case in many instances where the old non-adjustable seats are in use.

There is another problem which presents itself to the school authorities of the town: the impossibility of getting the East, West and Centre schools to do as much work as the South schools. This is not due to any failure on the part of the teachers. In the district schools the teachers have eight grades to hear each day in nearly all their lessons. This makes the time spent with each individual class very short. At the South, where the teachers have two grades each, much longer time is spent with each class. Also in the larger classes the incentive is greater, inspiring the children to much better work. Hence the children of the South less often fail of promotion than those of the district schools.

READING

Reading is one of the most important subjects in our school curriculum, as it is through this medium that knowledge of all other subjects is largely gained. Children are to be taught not only to express to others the thought on the printed page, but also to interpret easily and readily for themselves that same thought. In learning new words a knowledge of word construction is important. No books are used for the first ten weeks of the first year, during which time phonograms and stock words are studied and reviewed from the blackboard. When the sounds of letters are known, as well as common phonograms, or the combinations of vowels and consonants generally found together, the child has the tools with which he can learn for himself new words. Since the faculty of mind exercised in learning to read is early developed in children, much emphasis is placed upon this subject in the lower grades. Unless children early learn to read fluently they are greatly hampered with their work in Arithmetic, Geography and History. If we can inculcate the habit of reading and the taste for good reading, we have given pupils the power of self-improvement which few other subjects bestow. No better assistance can be given in acquiring this ability than a generous supply of the beautiful supplementary readers now published.

LANGUAGE

Owing to our present mixed population due emphasis must be placed upon a good and correct use of the English language. In our course of study we have laid much stress upon the importance of composition work. In the intermediate grades we place the emphasis upon practice in composition rather than upon learning rules of grammar. Rules of grammar should not be taught—not until the children are old enough to apply them. Constant practice in writing and speaking idiomatic English is the key to better writing and speaking.

GEOGRAPHY

Geography is a difficult subject to make real and one of the most arduous to teach well. It does not require much teaching

ability to drill children upon the names of cities, places and bodies of land and water ; but to make a class live in a foreign country, to form definite mental pictures of a strange land, requires rare skill on the part of the teacher. In the third and fourth grades a study of local geography is made, in order to draw upon the actual experience and observations of the children. An effort is made to have the children gain an accurate stock of geographical ideas and terms which may be called upon later in the study of distant countries. After the study of local geography the earth as a whole is taken up. Its shape, motions, source of heat and light are first studied, then an outline of the grand divisions is made. All through the subject causal relations are traced and an endeavor is made to form associations in the minds of the children rather than to depend upon the verbal memory for their retention.

REPORT CARDS

The cards which are sent home to the parents, showing the standing and deportment of their children, should be examined with care. The marks on the cards are obtained by combining those received in daily work with those received upon examinations given on the ground covered in daily work. Parents may thus see what grade of work their children are doing, and if the marks indicate that this is not satisfactory the matter should be attended to at once. A parent should not wait until the end of the year and then wonder why his child is not promoted. Regular attendance is an important factor in getting children to do satisfactory work. When a child is frequently absent, he becomes discouraged and his interest lags.

By referring to the Appendix it may be seen that our average per cent. of attendance is only 90, which is too low for a town as favorably situated as Hamilton and with as good roads as it enjoys. The laws of the Commonwealth are very emphatic upon the subject of school attendance.

Children under fourteen, and those under sixteen, if they attend at all, are obliged, unless sick, to attend regularly all the time the schools are in session. Parents and guardians are liable to a fine if their children have more than five unexcused absent days in a term of five months.

TEACHERS

In September the schools opened with the same teachers as last year with one exception: Miss Effie E. Beal, a graduate of the Boston Normal Art school and a teacher of rich experience, was made principal of the South school. Miss Beal was chosen from a list of excellent candidates, and the choice has proved a wise one. Just before the Thanksgiving recess Miss Cheney of the South Upper Primary resigned to take a position at Melrose, and Miss Olsson of the South Primary accepted a position in Boston. These vacancies were filled by giving Miss Sanborn of the Centre the South Upper Primary and Miss Robie of the West school the Primary. Miss Meade, a graduate of Radcliffe college, was elected to the West school; and Miss Annie W. Chase, a graduate of Framingham Normal and an experienced teacher, was given the Centre school.

All the schools are making good progress with their new teachers.

In January Miss Cutting of the East school was given a leave of absence, and we have been fortunate in securing Miss Kinsman, a resident of the district and an experienced teacher, to substitute in Miss Cutting's absence.

The work of music in the schools is making fine progress under the able supervision of Mrs. Mary E. Robinson. The town is fortunate in retaining the services of so strong and well qualified a teacher as Mrs. Robinson.

The people of the town are urged to visit the schools and make themselves acquainted with the work being done. There is no better way of encouraging pupils and teachers than for the town people to show their interest by frequently calling upon the schools.

When parents and teachers become acquaintances before misunderstandings arise, these difficulties are generally much more easily explained than when acquaintance is made on account of some difficulty or misunderstanding. It is universally true that where the parents are often seen in the schoolrooms the schools are better.

I wish to thank the teachers for their response to every suggestion and their devotion to the promotion of their schools.

To the committee I wish to express my appreciation for their assistance and kind support.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Following is the program of the graduating exercises, class of 1902, held at Town Hall, Friday afternoon, June 20, at 2 o'clock :—

PROGRAM

MARCH,	Mrs. M. Eva Robinson
INVOCATION,	Rev. Jesse G. Nichols
CHORUS. "Call to Arms."	<i>Veazie</i>
RECITATION. "Spartacus to the Gladiators."	<i>Sargent</i>
TRIO. "In the Hayfield."	<i>Pinsuti</i>
RECITATION. "Benedict Arnold."	
RECITATION. "The Arsenal at Springfield."	<i>Longfellow</i>
SONG. "In the Woods is Peace."	<i>Abt</i>
RECITATION. "Stand by the Flag."	<i>Holt</i>
SONG. "The Sweet West Wind."	<i>Emerson</i>
RECITATION. "Hiawatha."	<i>Longfellow</i>
PIANO SOLO. "The Pretty Miller Maid."	<i>Beethoven</i>
RECITATION. "The Painter of Seville."	<i>Wilson</i>
FLOWER EXERCISE.	
SONG. "Summer."	<i>Hayden</i>
RECITATION. "Eulogy to Lafayette."	<i>Edward Everett</i>
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.	Chairman School Committee
CHORUS. "Morning Invitation."	<i>Veazie</i>
BENEDICTION.	Rev. A. D. Gorham

Mrs. M. EVA ROBINSON, Musical Director.

Miss EFFIE M. CHENEY, Pianist.

NAMES OF GRADUATES

Elsie Marian Peterson, *Valedictorian*, Catherine Julia McDonald, Laura Matilda Goodridge, Ernest Sylvester Berry, Jetta Wilda Roberts, Wallace Harrison Knowlton, Joseph Lyle Roberts, Finlay Duncan McDonald, Rodney Hurd Adams, George Ira Dodge, Randall Erman Adams.

CLASS MOTTO: *Do what you are doing; finish what you are about.*

Statistics of Attendance.

	Months and Days.	No. Enrolled, Fall of 1902.	Whole Number in School.	Boys Enrolled.	Girls Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Average per cent. Attendance.	No. over 15.	No. under 5.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 7 and 14.
Hamilton Grammar School . .	9 mo. 10 da.	33	33	18	15	29.21	27.45	93	6	0	27	21
South Intermediate, V and VI .	9 mo. 5 da.	34	34	18	16	31.11	28.38	92.6	0	0	34	34
South Primary, III and IV . .	9 mo. 1 da.	35	43	13	22	33.6	30.2	89.4	0	0	35	35
South Primary, I and II . . .	9 mo. 8 mo.	59	60	30	29	46	43	92	0	0	59	59
Centre School	17½ da.	17	21	12	5	16	14	89	0	0	17	11
West School	9 mo. 14 da.	34	37	19	15	24.96	22.47	88.78	0	0	34	25
East School	9 mo. 12 da.	21	22	9	12	15.41	14.31	92	0	0	21	18
	9 mo. 7 da.	28	35	18	10	22.18	26.11	85.3	0	1	27	15
Average		261	285	137	124	218.47	205.92	90.26	6	1	254	218

Teachers, Schools, etc.—September 8, 1902

NAME.	SCHOOL.	GRADE.	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
Effie E. Beal	Grammar		\$600	Normal Art School
Mary E. Batchelder	South Intermediate	V and VI	450	High School and two summers at a Summer School
Effie M. Cheney	South Primary	III and IV	450	Boston University
Clara J. Olsson	South Primary	I and II	380	Boston Normal
Eva C. Sanborn	Centre School	I and VIII		Sanborn Seminary
Carrie E. Robie	West School	I and VIII	380	Lancaster Academy
Nelly G. Cutting	East School	I and VIII	380	Vermont Academy
Grace C. Stone	North School	I and VIII	380	Ipswich High School
M. Eva Robinson	Teacher of Music		144	

Appendix I.

ROLL OF HONOR

For year ending June, 1902.

SOUTH GRAMMAR

Jetta W. Roberts,	Matilda L. Goodridge,
Katherine McDonald (3),	Elsie M. Peterson.
Annie F. Crosby,	Florence W. Goodridge,
May E. Shaller (3),	Finlay D. McDonald.

SOUTH INTERMEDIATE

Grace G. Blake,	Ethel M. Abbott,
Justin Fitz,	George R. Clarke (3),
Ernest Pierson,	Jerome Mears (2),
Frank Burton,	Percy Burton,
Pearl McGlaulin,	Eleanor Robinson,

SOUTH UPPER PRIMARY

Jessie Hallet,	Florence H. Shaller (3),
Pauline Chandler,	Thomas Jones,
Jack Beers (2),	Walter Newcomb.

SOUTH PRIMARY

Dorothy Smith,	Eva French (2),
Joseph Costello,	Forest Clough.

CENTRE SCHOOL

Thayer Harden (3),	Edward Harden (2),
	Gordon Green.

WEST SCHOOL

Anna Hart (3),	Nellie Hart (3),
Katherine Hart,	J. Houston Lovett.

EAST SCHOOL

Martha Berry,	Harold Knowlton,
Martha A. Dodge,	Frank Day (3),
	Alice Colesworthy (2).

NORTH SCHOOL

Ralph Wright,	Agnes Wright,
	Percy McGregor.

